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A Dramatic Rescue for Kitty



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Dr. Heyes Surveys the Past --- and the Future

Stephen Patrick
Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) held its 13th Annual General Meeting last Friday afternoon in Fleming College's Great Hall. About 75 people showed up to take care of the formal business of the HHHS: approving last year's minutes, approving reports from new CEO and President Paul Rosebush, Chief of Staff Dr. Steve Ferracuti, the auditors, and the Nominating Committee.

The audience also heard from the Minden and Haliburton Auxiliaries as well as the HHHS Foundation, the principle community fundraising bodies. As well, a presentation was made by the HHHS' Diabetes Education Network entitled "Healthy Living". With diabetes on the rise virtually everywhere in the more affluent parts of the world, the local Network has become an important resource for many local diabetics.

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Health Services' Annual AGM

Light the Lamps - the Hurricane's Headed to the Avalanche

It was one of those frozen moments.

Just minutes after the New York Islanders ended their stoic silence and finally alerted the world of their intentions to sign London Knights centerman John Tavares - the first pick overall in the 2009 NHL entry draft - it was time for Tampa Bay Lightning to pick.

The TSN cameras, strategically pinned on Victor Hedman and Haliburton's Matthew Duchene, as the Tampa Bay brass stepped to the mike.

Matt Duchene and Victor Hedman both knew that one would be going to Tampa and the other would be headed to Colorado and the Avalanche.

Tampa Bay, as everyone knew, was looking to bulwark their defensive set.

Popular wisdom had the Lightning leaning to Hedman, who at

Matthew Duchene picked third by Colorado

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

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Municipal Report Cards

In this issue the Voice includes some of the highlights for Haliburton County and each of the lower tier municipalities for the first half of 2009.

While it is impossible to capture everything that the Municipal Council's have been dealing with during the past six months, there is no doubt that each has been faced with some tough challenges and ongoing successes. At the County Council the Reeves and Deputy Reeves continue to represent the County and manage its affairs with the help of their staff.

As Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison says, without good staff you can't even begin to achieve the goals that have been set and more often than not management and

staff don't get the credit they deserve. In the case of the Building Canada and Stimulus Funding applications, she says that staff members across the County have worked very hard to ensure that each of the Councils has been successful with their applications to the greatest extent possible and to ensure that the projects are managed and completed within budget.

Throughout the issue we have included individual articles detailing what each municipality considers their most important achievements and the biggest challenges they have had to face this year, along with budget information and how that may affect the taxes of everyone who either lives in or owns property in the County. ■

 Vince Duchene***	 Troy Austen & Linda Baumgartner*	 Cathy Lancia* & Shirley Rule	 Tom** & Gail Tempest	 Peter Brady*	 Terry Carr	 Elizabeth Thompson	 Marg & John Parish
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Dysart Firefighters Turned 'Cat Whisperers'

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Dramatic Rescue Takes Nearly One Hour to Pull Off

Dysart et al firefighters were part of a successful rescue early Wednesday morning after they retrieved a frightened four-legged feline from a tree on a cottage property in Haliburton.

Kelly Parker, owner of the cottage at 1139 Grass Lake Rd., placed a call to firefighters around 7:30 a.m. to notify them that a gray cat in distress was stuck in a tree on her property. It had been perched in that position since the previous night.

"I was outside on my porch on Tuesday and I let my bulldog Stella out as well," Parker told The Voice. "Before I knew it, I saw that this cat was here and it ran up the tree. I guess my dog spooked it."

Dysart firefighters arrived on the scene with a 26-foot long ladder in tow shortly after Parker called. Miles Maughan, Fire Chief, was first to climb up to the scared cat. Maughan tried to grab the cat, but its claws came out when he went for it. On his second attempt, he carried up a bowl of milk to try to encourage the animal to come down.

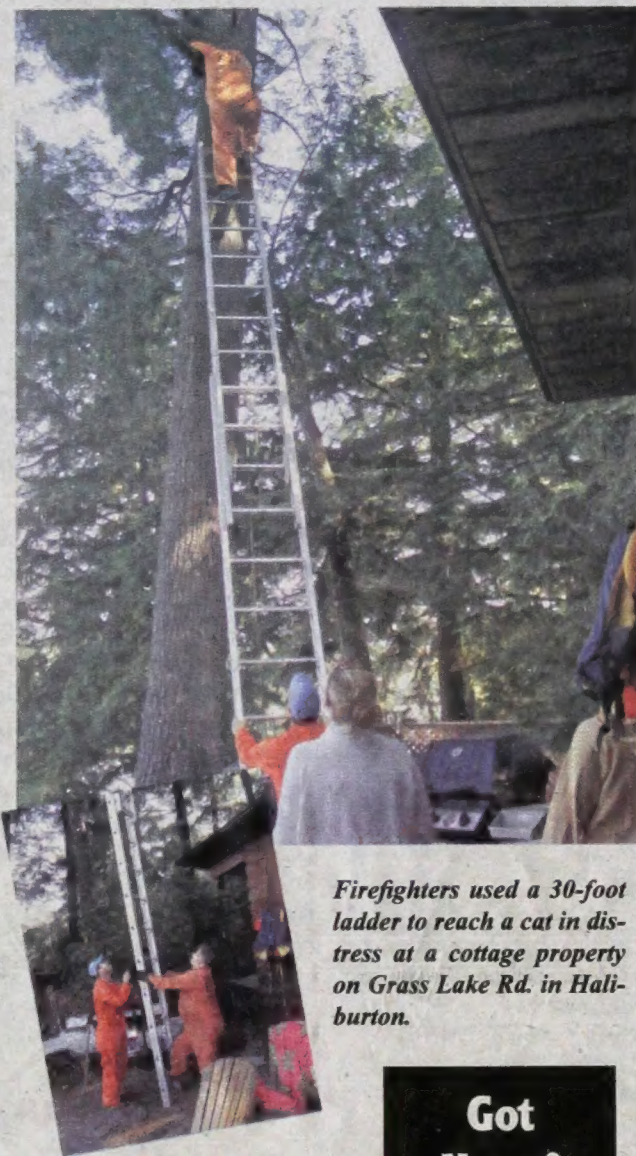
A short time later, volunteer firefighter Paul Bellefleur showed up to help out. Bellefleur went up the ladder with a blanket in hand. After spending numerous minutes petting the cat, Bellefleur successfully managed to snatch it with the blanket. When he brought the animal down it immediately scurried away.

Maughan said that calls rarely come in for these types of occurrences.

"We might get one or two of these a year," he said. If the cat hadn't been successfully rescued, or come down on its own accord by the evening, Maughan said that more firefighters would have been sent out with an even bigger ladder.

He added that in most cases, the cat would eventually make its way down "the same way it got up."

"They're great climbers," he smiled. ■



Firefighters used a 30-foot ladder to reach a cat in distress at a cottage property on Grass Lake Rd. in Haliburton.

Point In Time Celebrates Its Supporters

Hard Work and Dedication Leads to A Successful Year

Local youth parole officer Shawn Valleau accepts the Community Collaborator Award from Point in Time Executive Director Marg Cox and board member Wayne Cooper.



Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

It was another successful year for the Point In Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents. At the organization's recent annual general meeting held at Haliburton's School of the Arts, several key figures, including volunteers, staff and community partners were recognized for their hard work over the years.

In the President's message from Pat Wilson, she stated that even in the current difficult economic times, management has been proactive in coming up with ways to save costs while still maintaining the same great level of service.

Those presented with community collaborator awards at the meeting included Shawn Valleau for his role as a youth parole officer and Alison Rae for her commitment to students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Kelly Harrison was also recognized for serving as an intake worker for 15 years.

At the start of the meeting, the Point In Time Puppet Players, a group that included student puppeteers from Cardiff Elementary School, entertained those in attendance.

A few other presentations were also made including one from the Point In Time 'Youth Team' on youth justice.

The mission statement of Point In Time is to "identify, provide and strengthen support services enabling children, youth and families to function at their highest potential." The group offers a number of support services including family support, mental health services and youth justice. ■

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Transformers (PG)	3:30	6:30 & 9:30
The Hangover (14A)	5:05	7:15 & 9:25
Wed July 1 & Thurs July 2		
The Taking of Pelham 123 (14A)	5:15	7:30 & 9:45
Fri July 3 to Thurs July 9		
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FRIDAY



Milder with a few afternoon showers

▲ 22° ▼ 13°

SATURDAY



Mostly cloudy and cooler

▲ 18° ▼ 12°

SUNDAY



Cool with a few afternoon showers

▲ 18° ▼ 11°

MONDAY



Continued cloudy and cool

▲ 19° ▼ 11°

TUESDAY



Decreasing clouds and milder

▲ 22° ▼ 10°

WEDNESDAY



Mostly sunny and beautiful

▲ 26° ▼ 13°

AROUND THE REGION: Cool conditions will be experienced on Thursday with a few scattered showers from time to time. Highs will be in the upper teens. More showers will be possible on Friday with highs in the low 20s. The cool weather will continue through Monday with showers possible on Sunday. Highs will remain in the teens.

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June 26, 2009

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City	Today Hi/Low/Otik	Friday Hi/Low/Otik	Saturday Hi/Low/Otik	City	Today Hi/Low/Otik	Friday Hi/Low/Otik	Saturday Hi/Low/Otik
Acapulco	31/24/ts	31/26/ts	29/26/ra	Montego Bay	32/26/pc	31/26/pc	32/26/ts
Antigua	32/26/pc	32/26/pc	31/27/su	Nassau	31/27/pc	32/26/pc	31/28/su
Barbados	32/26/ts	31/27/pc	31/28/ts	Port au Prince	32/25/ts	32/26/ts	29/26/sh
Bermuda	31/24/sh	30/25/pc	31/26/pc	Puerto Vallarta	29/22/ts	30/23/ts	22/24/ra
Cancun	31/24/pc	32/26/ts	32/26/ts	St Thomas	31/26/su	32/25/ts	32/27/pc
Curacao	32/27/ts	32/26/ts	31/25/cl	St Maarten	32/26/pc	31/25/pc	31/28/su
Freeport	32/25/pc	33/26/pc	33/28/pc	San Jose, CR	28/18/ts	29/21/ts	29/21/cl
Georgetown	30/24/ts	30/25/ts	31/23/ra	San Juan	32/26/su	31/25/ts	31/28/pc
Havana	31/26/ts	32/25/ts	31/24/su	San Salvador	32/24/ts	31/24/ts	32/23/pc
Key West	31/25/ts	31/26/ts	32/27/sh	Santo Domingo	31/25/ts	32/25/ts	33/26/ts
Kingston	33/27/pc	32/27/pc	33/31/ts	Trinidad	32/26/ts	31/25/ts	32/27/ts

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Otik	Friday Hi/Low/Otik	Saturday Hi/Low/Otik	Sunday Hi/Low/Otik	Monday Hi/Low/Otik	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otik	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otik
Bancroft	18/9/sh	22/13/sh	17/12/cl	19/11/cl	18/11/cl	22/10/pc	26/13/su
Barrie	19/9/sh	22/13/sh	18/13/cl	19/11/cl	21/12/cl	23/11/pc	27/13/su
Dorset	18/9/sh	21/13/sh	17/12/cl	18/10/cl	18/11/cl	22/10/pc	26/12/su
Haliburton	18/9/sh	22/13/sh	18/12/cl	18/11/cl	19/11/cl	22/10/pc	26/13/su
Huntsville	18/9/sh	21/13/sh	17/12/cl	18/10/cl	18/11/cl	22/10/pc	26/12/su
Kingston	20/11/sh	23/14/sh	19/14/cl	20/12/cl	21/12/cl	22/12/pc	27/13/su
Lindsay	19/9/sh	22/14/sh	18/13/cl	19/11/cl	20/11/cl	22/11/pc	27/13/su
Minden	18/9/sh	22/13/sh	18/12/cl	18/11/cl	19/11/cl	22/11/pc	26/13/su
Oshawa	20/11/sh	23/14/sh	19/14/cl	21/12/cl	21/12/cl	24/12/pc	27/13/su
Ottawa	21/12/sh	22/13/sh	20/14/ra	19/12/cl	21/12/sh	21/11/sh	26/11/su
Toronto	21/11/sh	23/14/sh	19/15/cl	21/12/cl	22/13/cl	24/12/pc	27/13/su

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Otik	Friday Hi/Low/Otik	Saturday Hi/Low/Otik	Sunday Hi/Low/Otik	Monday Hi/Low/Otik	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otik	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otik
Calgary	24/9/su	22/9/pc	24/9/sh	25/11/pc	23/11/ra	23/13/sh	24/13/sh
Edmonton	20/7/ts	18/7/ts	22/8/pc	23/10/ts	24/12/sh	21/9/sh	17/7/cl
Fredericton	23/14/sh	23/15/ts	23/15/ts	23/14/sh	23/13/dz	20/12/sh	19/11/sh
Halifax	22/13/pc	23/15/ts	19/14/su	17/14/ra	19/13/su	20/14/cl	19/13/sh
Montreal	23/12/sh	24/14/sh	22/17/ra	20/14/sh	21/13/sh	21/13/sh	24/11/su
Regina	26/9/pc	23/10/pc	23/9/sh	24/11/pc	24/13/pc	24/13/sh	24/13/cl
St. John's	21/11/pc	23/13/pc	13/12/cl	13/13/ts	12/12/dz	12/11/sh	11/9/sh
Saskatoon	20/7/ts	21/7/ts	24/9/su	29/12/cl	31/16/cl	26/11/sh	23/10/cl
Vancouver	26/16/su	24/15/su	23/14/su	22/15/cl	21/13/ra	20/12/cl	19/12/sh
Whitehorse	19/7/sh	22/9/ts	14/6/ra	19/7/dz	21/1/cl	20/7/cl	17/4/sh
Winnipeg	19/8/pc	21/11/ts	20/10/sh	22/11/pc	24/11/pc	25/12/pc	22/10/sh

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Monday 6/29	23°C	15°C	0.0 mm
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Friday 6/26	24°C	13°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 6/25	30°C	13°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 6/24	30°C	13°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 6/23	30°C	12°C	0.0 mm

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SUN & MOON

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu.	5:32 a.m./9:04 p.m.	5:21 p.m./1:40 a.m.
Fri.	5:32 a.m./9:04 p.m.	6:24 p.m./2:12 a.m.
Sat.	5:33 a.m./9:04 p.m.	7:22 p.m./2:52 a.m.
Sun.	5:34 a.m./9:03 p.m.	8:12 p.m./3:39 a.m.
Mon.	5:34 a.m./9:03 p.m.	8:53 p.m./4:34 a.m.
Tues.	5:35 a.m./9:03 p.m.	9:27 p.m./5:34 a.m.
Wed.	5:36 a.m./9:02 p.m.	9:55 p.m./6:38 a.m.



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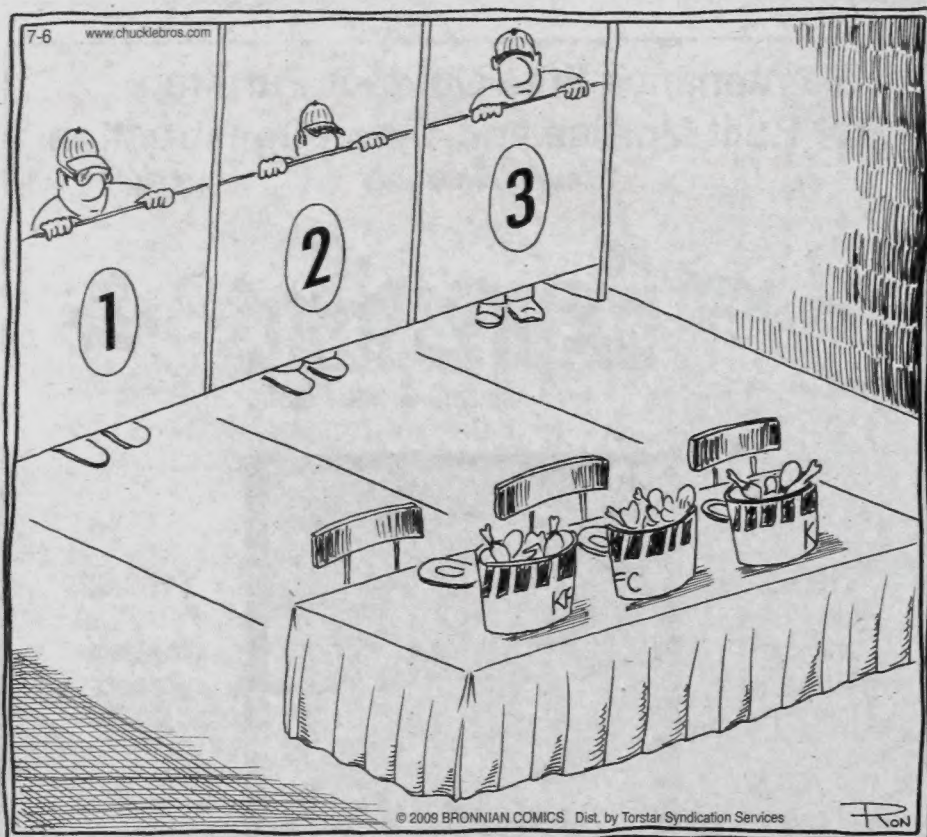


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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

HATVA should do their homework

In a recent letter Mr. Skidmore of the Haliburton ATV association made many false statements that I would like to correct.

The name of our club is the Fishtail Lake Sportsman Club not the Fishtail Lake hunt club, a simple mistake, so I will move on to other things.

He is correct in stating I did not inform council that our clubhouse was the old Kennaway school house, but the reason for this is simple, it is not the old school house. The Kennaway School House is located on Lot 22 Conc. 10 and is currently occupied by the Indian River Hunt Club while our clubhouse is located on Lot 16 Conc. 10. I will however concede the fact that a Mary Ogilvie did teach at the Kennaway School just not at the location he stated. He also makes it sound like our clubhouse is on the trail in question. It is not, we are located on the Fishtail Lake Rd.

While there was an army base near the Town of Kennaway, it was not located in the area he states, it was located on Lot 15 Conc. 12 considerably north of what he states. It is still known today by the locals as the German Prison Camp.

He also makes reference to the road being a colonization road in the early 1900's. I will state again this area is NOT a colonization road. While I am also quite sure the kids did not fly to school I am also quite sure they did not have to walk through this area either as there is no record or evidence of the settlement ever extending into this property.

Mr. Skidmore states correctly that we said they cut down trees on private property and to quote Mr. Skidmore in another part of his letter "we can take pictures and supply them to you if you'd like" actually we have already taken pictures.

He also says that the Paudash trailblazers use this area as a snowmobile trail. This is absolutely false. The Paudash trail blazers trail heads north from the Fishtail Lake Road approximately 2 kms east of the area in question and proceeds through another section of our property that we have a land use agreement signed for, and have for many years.

While the area in question is on some maps, it is not printed on any official map of the area. In HATVA's presentation to council they produced an MNR map showing this trail. MNR maps are made through arial photography so any trail will show up on them.

Mr. Skidmore some of the claims you make in your letter to the editor are wild and untrue. I have to ask, have you been to the area in question and/or researched it at all?

Jason Clark
Vice Chairman
Fishtail Lake Sportsman Club ■

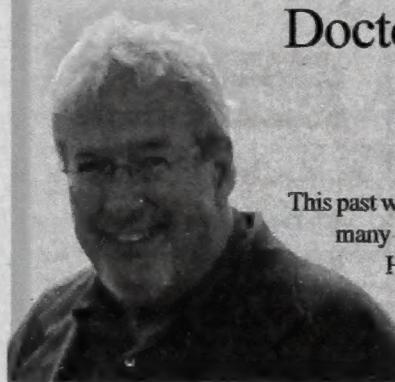
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Editorial VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick

Doctors and Patients and the Future



This past week saw Annual General Meetings of two of Haliburton's many not-for-profit organizations: the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) and the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) convened to elect their boards, approve their leadership's reports, and to listen to some controversial and challenging speakers.

Both meetings attested to the confident and passionate belief in this County's future, despite the obvious challenges of the economic times which so many of our organizations and businesses profess. The HHHS is surely one of the few Ontario health care success stories of the last decade. In the mid 1990s the County had outdated and inefficient hospitals, no hospital-centred long-term care, and cramped and expensive office arrangements for doctors, all of which inhibited doctor, nurse, and nurse-practitioner recruitment.

Since then, helped by a deep community commitment, and the significant clout of Haliburton's then-MPP Chris Hodgson, the HHHS has become a model of what a small, rural health service can accomplish. With a new and energetic CEO in the person of Paul Rosebush, a smart and activist Board, a new and efficient Family Medical Centre, a committed Family Health Team, and a roster of hard-working, community-oriented doctors, nurses, and health care workers, the future of the HHHS seems indeed solid, to say the least.

But this didn't inhibit the County's most senior physician, Dr. Bob Heyes, from delivering a stern and sometimes stinging warning about how the HHHS must be eternally vigilant in preserving what's left of our local autonomy and ensuring adequate funding for the "front line" of health care. Dr. Heyes' concerns are entirely patient - and doctor - centred, and whether or not you buy his, one might say, romantic view of the history of medical practice, his passion for his profession and his patients cannot be denied. It reminds this writer of his days in public broadcasting when we had a sometimes unfairly negative view of our bureaucratic masters, believing in Robert Fowler's famous phrase, that "broadcasting was about the programs: all the rest is just housekeeping." Nevertheless Dr. Heyes did assert his faith in the HHHS's future, despite what he sees as a steadily increasing desire for control by centralized authorities. The HHHS will surely take his warnings very seriously.

Odonates, Herpetiles, and All Matters Faunal

In an address to the Land Trust's AGM, Elementary School Teacher and Naturalist Ed Poropat showed once more this week just what a great resource the County has in the Rail Trail. The astonishing range of flora, fauna, and eco-systems that this 40-kilometre corridor provides for all Haliburtonians is a rich and timeless gift. Many in the community have been pressing the County to limit motorized access to the Trail in the summer, and to concentrate instead in building it up as an eco-tourism destination for cyclists, hikers, and naturalists. Listen for just 10 minutes to an expert environmentalist like Poropat and you can't help but feel an irresistible urge to proudly hug the nearest tree, with feeling.

There are many different options for managing the Rail Trail, but surely none of them should include any activity that threatens to reduce its magnificent ecological diversity.

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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

"... a disparity between what is said and the facts."

There is a lot of talk and confusion and quoting of dictionaries going on, so here's one from Webster to consider:

Democracy- Governed by the people, directly or through representatives; equality of rights, opportunity and treatment.

The credibility of the Council of the Township of Algonquin Highlands is a "credibility gap". That is, a disparity between what is said and the facts. The fact of the matter is that Council is unwilling to hear from the people on the subject of the Stanhope Airport Expansion...whether it is Phase 1, 2 or any other "phase" they come up with.

A referendum would solve the matter once and for all, and all the posturing from The Players could focus on some real issues in the township for a change.

Donna Bisschop & Erik Scuhr
11015 Hwy. 118, Haliburton, ON. ■

Happy Canada Day

From

Everyone at The Voice

Editorial VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick

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A Possession Party for Places for People

This week the Places for People (P4P) organization is celebrating its acquisition of a property in Haliburton Village that it plans to transform into affordable rural housing. P4P and its generous supporters are to be congratulated for their vision and perseverance. So too is Dysart et al Council for allowing some necessary zoning changes for the property, and to have encouraged P4P at every turn. This imaginative and innovative program is further proof that despite our economic pressures, there is the community will and political support necessary to do something for social justice in Haliburton County.

The celebration starts at around 3:30 PM this Friday, July 3rd, at 19 George St. in Haliburton. ■

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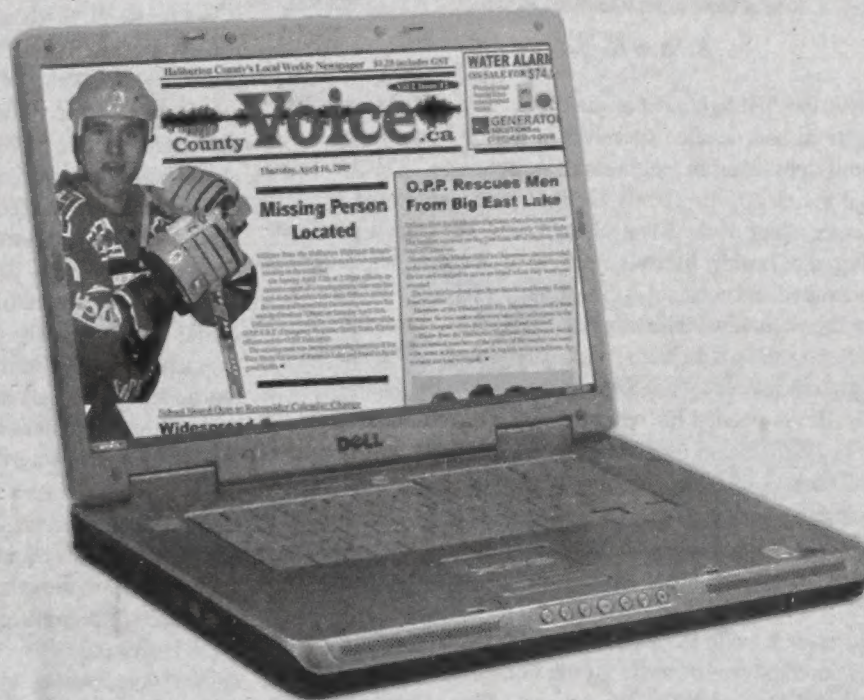
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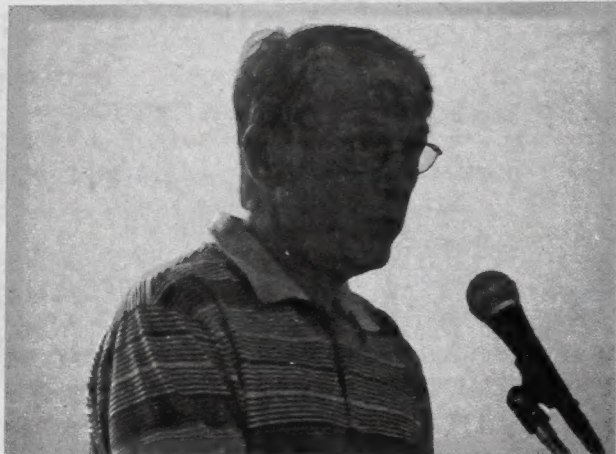
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Dr. Bob Heyes

But the highlight of the afternoon was without question a thoughtful and detailed speech by Dr. Bob Heyes, who's been a family physician in Haliburton County since 1973. Dr. Heyes was a founder of the Family Health Clinic back in the 1980s, is a former Chief of the Medical Staff, and has been a passionate supporter of healthy lifestyles, both in his medical practice and as a committed and constant cyclist, runner, and cross-country skier. Over the years few Haliburtonians could have missed Dr. Heyes negotiating the roads, trails, and pathways with his faithful cycling buddies, or his wife Jane and their three daughters.

Dr. Heyes opened his remarks with a direct challenge to the HHHS Board, "You have a heavy responsibility as stewards of health care, ... it's been my observation that as time passes by it is neither idle nor passive: it's the law of nature that good health eventually succumbs to the biological clock - but time also builds, as new generations come along with new discoveries, and new cures. It is the greatest responsibility of all the people in this organization to attend to the needs of our patients, as they live, and no less importantly, as they die. At the same time you must prepare for the future needs of healthcare and I have to believe that the future of the HHHS is bright."

Dr. Heyes noted how difficult it is to predict the future, even

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when using statistics from the past. For example, in 1954 the Haliburton Red Cross hospital had 250 ER visits, and 150 baby deliveries. The current HHHS has 30,000 ER visits, and should therefore see some 12,000 births! So much for the stats. Dr. Heyes then cautioned that despite the vastly different landscape that physicians see today, they should still be guided by the same principles laid down in the 4th Century BC by Hippocrates, i.e. be guided by service before self, to enter a house only for the good of my patients, and of course to do no harm.

But before Dr. Heyes peered into the future, he looked back and asked himself, "What was the most significant change in health care in the last 50 years or so. Lots of things came to mind: the discovery of insulin, of penicillin, second and third generation anti-biotics, clot dissolving drugs for heart attacks and strokes, new pharmaceuticals, micro surgery, lasers, computers in medicine, non-invasive surgery ... but what I came up with is this.

"The greatest change in Canadian health care in the past 50 years has been the introduction of the third-party payer. Once upon a time, patients paid for their own health care: that's true. The physician was entitled to fair and reasonable compensation for his time and skills: the transaction was simple, the relationship was grounded in trust, mutual respect and obligation. The physician was obliged to do his best, and the patient was obliged to pay. It worked for 6000 years, from the time of Hippocrates." Dr. Heyes, perhaps a trifle mischievously, also suggested that in those days quality assurance was also a simple matter. If a doctor had too many patients die, he'd soon lack for business and be forced to cut hair or something [shades of Sweeney Todd?]. The good doctor, on the other hand, would continue to thrive. Short and sweet: meaningful quality assurance."

Dr. Heyes did not specifically suggest a return to those sunny days of yore, but he did tell a wonderful story about Dr. Lewes Carroll, Haliburton's chief physician from the 1920s until his death in his office in 1967. One day Dr. Carroll was called to the home of a seriously sick elderly man: after examination, he told the family that the patient was on his last legs, and that nothing could save him. But before he left, Dr. Carroll gave the family a couple of pills that he suggested giving the man if by some miracle he seemed to be reviving. This assured that the doctor's reputation would inevitably grow: if the patient died, Dr. Carroll's diagnostic skills were proven; if he lived, it was obviously due to the doctor's miracle pills.

"Simple, honest and direct relationships between provider and patient, complete with obligation to pay was the best medicine of the day," said Dr. Heyes. "So now we have a third-party payer, and who is he anyway? He's not the patient, he's not the provider, he's not local: he's aloof and remote from the facts. The only

thing dear to the heart of the third-party payer ... is the pay."

Dr. Heyes gave a sharp, almost savage, critique of the way modern medicine is handled, with its army of bureaucrats wielding volumes of statistics, with hordes of full-time staff, and said, "the Board must vigorously and determinedly defend the rights of patients, and ... ensure that funds must go to patient care, not the ever-increasing bureaucratic and administrative care. I'm realistic enough to know that third-party payer is here to stay and the days of Dr. Carroll are gone forever. But we must stop the diversion of funds from the front line."

Dr. Heyes then turned his attention to the future, and came up with some arresting predictions. Firstly, he believes that suburban design, with its complete reliance on the automobile, will be a thing of the past, and that fitness and diet will simply have to change. The hard facts are that we eat too much, we're fat, and the marketing geniuses that sell millions of deep fried Twinkies to children will ultimately be severely regulated and controlled, and that junk food will disappear. He sees an age where 'smart, non-invasive band aids' will be worn by patients that will automatically monitor our cholesterol and glucose levels, our "core temperature", just for starters, that can be uploaded to your iPod, and thence to your doctor.

He also believes that as our understanding of genetics increases, so will our life-spans. As well, Dr. Heyes sees Canada and Canadians uniquely poised to make a huge difference in the health of those who live in third world countries: "as the globe shrinks, and millions die from cholera and AIDS, we have the means to eliminate much of human suffering, and we should, with our core values, provide leadership to the world. I urge you to vote accordingly."

Dr. Heyes concluded by again emphasizing that Haliburton needs a smart Board to continue to deliver the services that are needed, "an energetic front line" to afford the waves of new inventions that will inevitably arrive and to ensure that a small rural Health Services can survive with its integrity and ethics intact. "I personally believe that we can."

Dr. Heyes received a rousing ovation at the end of his talk, due no doubt in part to the great affection and respect he commands from the entire staff of the HHHS. They certainly seemed to believe that his contempt for the medical bureaucracy was not a direct shot at local management and staff. However, before he gave his official report, Chief of Medical Staff Dr. Ferracuti felt the need to mention that despite the views of Dr. Heyes on those lost golden years of the patient-doctor relationship, "I believe that the bond between nurses, doctors, and patients is still as strong as it was in the past, and only the payer has changed."

Finally, Nominating Committee Chair Jeanne Anthon recommended the election of five new Board Directors: Michelle Bailly, a Human Resources Professional who at one time was HR Co-ordinator for the Ottawa Civic Hospital and the Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, and who divides her time between Haliburton and Toronto; Leslie Brown, a retired Registered Nurse, who recently retired to Horseshoe Lake after cottaging here for 35 years; Leonard Logozar, another retired cottager and former bank vice-president and certified financial planner; Duff Mitchell, a health care sales professional who grew up in Haliburton, and whose parents still live here; and Dale Robinson, the retired superintendent of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, who's lived and worked for 40 years in Haliburton. ■

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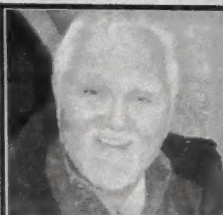
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Steve Ruttan puts on a solo drum performance in a community drumming circle headed by Barry "Bazza" Hayward.



Art Hive artist April Gates and an organizer of "2" lights the candles on a tasty two-tiered cake made by artist Laurie O'Reilly.

Community Supports Second Anniversary of The Art Hive

The Art Hive in Camarvon is home to many eccentric, yet visually fascinating pieces of artwork, which capture the attention of onlookers and get their imaginations running wild with each glance. These funky pieces are produced by local artists who are adept at using their respective mediums and aren't afraid to let their true creative colours shine.

Last Saturday, several of these emerging artists, along with strong supporters of the local arts community and curious members of the public, made their way to the arts haven for its second anniversary.

Some of the highlights at this year's event entitled "2" included silk screening with Darby Bayly, a community drumming circle with Barry "Bazza" Hayward, sculpture building with Jonathan Hagarty, and demonstrations in weaving, pottery and jewellery making. Food was also provided at the event by the Bonnie View Inn.

The anniversary party kicked off outside of the building, where a scrumptious two-tiered Birthday cake, designed by Art Hive artist Laurie O'Reilly, was enjoyed by many. Inside the building was a selection of pieces that were created with the "2" theme in mind, and it's where the summer workshop series was officially launched.

Carol Moffatt, councillor for the Township of Algonquin Highlands, was in attendance to cut the cake and congratulate all those who have made The Art Hive possible.

"You guys are all to be congratulated," said Moffatt, who also attended the first anniversary last summer. "My family roots go deep into this area and I can remember as a kid spending countless hours here when the building housed Welch's General Store. I'm so thrilled that this place has got a new life...It's an example of collaboration and using resources in the community."

Sandi Luck, one of the founding members of The Art Hive and its current executive director, explained that The Art Hive is unique in the fact that it is the only gallery in the county to feature strictly Haliburton area artists.

In an interview with The Voice, Luck attributed the current success of The Art Hive to everyone who has been a part of it, including past members and those who are on-board the team today. She also cited the community's support for putting the group on the map.

"Everyone has worked together as a group to get The Art Hive to where it is today," said Luck, pointing out that The Art Hive is always accepting applications from artists who wish to become a part of the rapidly growing group.

The Art Hive building was originally erected in the late 1930's, at which time it was the site of Welch's General Store at Maple Lake. The store had a butcher, a hardware department, and post office. It was also a gas station.

For a number of years after that time, the store stood unoccupied until Erin Lynch purchased the building in February of 2007. In the previous year Lynch met with local artists to start the first art collective in the county: The Maple Lake Artisans Collective. On June 29, 2007, the doors to The Art Hive were opened for the first time.

Today, The Art Hive sells and displays local handcrafted work, facilitates workshops and hosts numerous events.

To learn more about The Art Hive or to apply to have your work in the gallery, call Erin Lynch at 705 754-0021. ■

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Algonquin Highlands: Airport, Airport, and more Airport – But That's Not All

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

There is no question that the greatest challenge facing the Algonquin Highlands Council has been to get their Stanhope airport expansion project off the ground. Building Canada Funding for this multi million dollar project has been approved but ongoing opposition and the need for a review by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency has held it in abeyance.

The airport expansion has become the single most controversial project in Haliburton County and has generated opposition, not only from the surrounding lake associations, but from all of the other municipal Councils including County Council through official resolutions, public protests, letters to the editors and ongoing articles in all of the local papers.

Whether the full expansion project including the construction of a new crosswind runway takes place or the Council is forced to accept proceeding only with the rehabilitation of their existing facility remains to be seen, and the only thing that is certain at the moment is that the pockets of lawyers representing those affected are being lined with taxpayers dollars.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison says that the challenge and the question about how the overall project will move forward will likely remain in place for the remainder of this Council's term, even though they are continuing to try to work through associated problems.

A recent proposal by MP Barry Devolin to split the project into two phases may be its saving grace and Harrison said that at least it gives everyone some time to reflect on the project. It is Harrison's hope that at the very least the municipality will be able to move forward with the rehabilitation of their existing airport infrastructure.

As to the Council's greatest achievement, Harrison said that she has difficulty claiming credit for their achievements. She said, "Council are the policy makers and give direction to staff, but without good staff you would never see projects reach fruition. The work and achievements and even ideas come from our staff and I'm extremely proud of them."

Harrison says she is also extremely proud of their budget. While the Council approved a \$6,561,869 budget, the amount required to be raised this year through taxation remains exactly the same as the 2008 budget, meaning no increases to the tax rates overall. According to Harrison, that was a good news story indeed.

Algonquin Highlands will also be moving forward with a number of projects this year, primarily due to success in Building Canada and Stimulus Funding applications. These projects include the Buckslide Bridge project at an estimated cost of \$600,000, rehabilitation of the McClintock Lagoon valued at \$120,000 and a Disaster Mitigation Program valued at \$225,000 that will see standby generators installed in all of the main municipal buildings. Council has also just heard that they were successful in receiving funding for a multi-purpose recreational pad in Stanhope.

Harrison said, "We will be able to complete these projects and still come in with a decrease in our mill rate. Depending on how the airport plays out there will be some borrowing, but that will not have a great impact on our residents. I'm very proud of what we've been doing and I don't foresee any increase next year."

The Council has been trying to work through some wrinkles in their shared services agreement with Lake of Bays. No new agreement has been signed for several years and the municipality was unable to recover actual expenses from their sister community until very recently. Hammering out an agreement that is fair and equitable to both municipalities seems to be going well, but will not actually be resolved without further meetings.

According to Harrison Algonquin Highlands remains a leader in the County when it comes to waste management. One challenge has been handling increasing amounts of plastic boat wrap and the municipality will no longer be receiving boat shrink wrap at their landfill sites.

Last year the Municipality introduced Big Red, an award winning and innovative approach to collecting waste products like disposable batteries, fluorescent bulbs, old cell phones and printer cartridges to name a few. This year the Council has agreed to take part in a new province-wide program developed for the collection and management of waste electronic and electrical equipment (the WEEE Program).

Under the new program, the disposal of eligible e-waste will be free of charge to residents. The Municipality, as an approved collector, will receive a 'handling incentive' from the province to receive, sort and package e-waste for transportation to consolidation centres. Residents are now able to take TV's, computer monitors, desktop and portable computers, printers and fax machines as well as a number of peripherals to designated locations in the municipality and need only call the municipal office for more information.

Mountain Lake Property Owners' Association Annual General Meeting

A very successful Annual General Meeting was held by the Mountain Lake Property Owners' Association on Saturday, June 20, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Twin Lakes Resort. The membership was well-represented, despite rainy weather and the lure of "Open Doors Ontario" activities.

Councillor Bill Obee accepted an invitation to speak about Minden's new library, the Riverwalk project, and new water systems planned for both Lutterworth and Minden, all underway as a result of provincial grants to fund these and other improvements. Councillor Obee also commented on the current refurbishing of the Beaver Theatre, progress on the Canadian Tire property, and the many ongoing celebrations honouring Minden's 150th Anniversary. He reminded us of the need for our continued support of the Minden Food Bank.

Dennis Orendt, Executive Director, Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association, was the Guest Speaker this year. Dennis gave an interesting, informative, and humorous presentation, where participants learned everything they need to know about septic systems. It is estimated that less than 30 percent of the 1,000,000-plus septic systems in Ontario are professionally maintained, and that many would fail an inspection study, posing a serious threat to water quality.

Members voted to forward a cheque for \$500.00 to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary, and to make a further donation to the Auxiliary of \$150 on behalf of Twin Lakes Resort, who provide the meeting space and delicious refreshments every year at no charge to our Association. A raffle was also held, resulting in over \$200 in cash and donations in support of the Minden Food Bank.

The "Mountain Lake Stewardship Plan" was published in July 2008, and distributed to all properties. Survey result priorities were reviewed by Doug Gilpin. The Committee is working on Plan recommendations.

The newly-formed Coalition of Haliburton Lake Associations was formally organized on June 6, 2009. It is an umbrella group of all lakefront property owners' associations in Haliburton Highlands, intended to facilitate cooperation and information sharing. Two representatives from MLPOA participate in this organization.

The Lakeland Conference will be held in Haliburton again this year, on September 19, 2009 at Sir Sandford Fleming College. Outstanding speakers on topics relevant to all lakes in our region will be on the agenda. This is an excellent conference which is highly recommended to anyone interested.

Submitted by Laurie Langdon. ■

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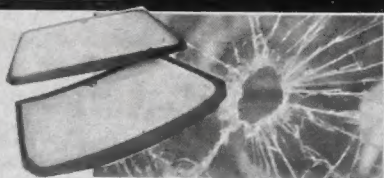
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County News in 2009: Internet, Airports, Budgets, and Uranium

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

One of the most important projects underway in Haliburton County this year is the continued expansion of broadband service through the partnership between Haliburton County and Bell Aliant. That's according to Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey.

During a County Council meeting earlier this year, Bell Aliant representatives advised that work originally thought to be completed by the end of 2010 will now be fast tracked as Bell expects to bring fibre optic technology into at least 4800 more homes in the County in 2009. This new schedule could open up opportunities for the County and Bell Aliant to partner on further broadband connectivity in 2010, particularly at a time when more infrastructure funding is accessible.

Fearrey says getting high speed Internet installed throughout the County is the biggest challenge facing County Council right now if any economic development is to be realized. He said, "In order to have growth and competitiveness we must have high speed across the County. We will have to work harder and try to invest more money into that as the opportunity arises."

Both Warden Dave Burton and Fearrey felt that County Council, with the assistance of their administration, had achieved a lot with their budget process this year. Fearrey said, "Holding the line at the County level has been extremely successful."

Despite upper level government claw backs, increased costs of insurance and employee benefits and considerable increases in assessments across the board, County Council was able to approve a final net budget of \$10,238,900 representing an increase of 1.4 percent over tax rates established last year.

Controversy over the Rail Trail has continued to heat up since the beginning of the year, particularly after County Council tentatively approved the use of Enduro bikes on the trail. The fact that this decision was made seemingly over the heads of their own Committee made the decision much less palatable to many members of the public. The structure of this user heavy committee finally became a larger issue and Council finally disbanded the Rail Trail committee last week.

While the Council examines the overall structure of the committee and reviews the results of the public meetings held at the beginning of the year, management of the trail will be handled through the County's Economic Development and Tourism Committee and their decisions will continue to be administered by the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network.

Concerns about the expansion of the Stanhope Airport in Algonquin Highlands started to spread throughout the County, particularly when each of the other municipalities felt they might have to provide support or assume responsibility for the airport at some point in the future. Each of the other lower tier municipalities and the County Council passed resolutions officially declaring their lack of support for this unpopular expansion project.

One issue remains outstanding when it comes to the airport expansion at the County level, and that is who actually has cross boundary jurisdiction that will allow easements in Dysart as well as Algonquin Highlands. This issue remains outstanding and County Council are seeking legal advice.

Despite the fact that Ontario became a North American leader in species at risk protection and recovery through their new Endangered Species Act, this particular piece of legislation may

very well create additional hardships to loggers in the County. When the changes to the Act were introduced to County Council by Ministry of Natural Resources officials, many loggers voiced concerns. As a result an agreement was reached that the County's Director of Economic Development and Tourism would work with the loggers to liaison between MNR and the loggers with a goal of ensuring a better understanding of the Act and its impact in the County.

Early in June over \$6 million dollars in infrastructure projects across the County were approved including Minden's Riverwalk project, bridge projects, road improvements, water infrastructure, emergency measures and various recreation improvements.

Despite the economic boost that the funding provides to the County overall, each member municipality is faced with either financing their one third share of the project costs or digging deeply into carefully cached reserves to get these projects underway.

With the G-8 Summit looming in Muskoka, the County and the role of each of the municipalities in emergency measures planning has been stepped up to ensure that the impacts to the County are kept to a minimum. Media organizations Haliburton have been brought on stream during the planning process to assist with communications in the unlikely event that an incident occurs.

The fight against uranium mining and exploration continues in the County with the ongoing work of FUME (Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration). In an attempt to reduce conflict between private land owners and mineral exploration companies the provincial government's hearings over their antiquated Mining Act continued. During this time a new group was established called CUME (Cottagers Against Uranium Mining and Exploration) which took the battle to a different level in the hopes of the message being heard by more cottagers.

Between FUME and CUME hundreds of letters and e-mails were generated passing a message to the Premier and Minister responsible aimed at supporting three modest proposals; to reunite mineral rights with privately owned land, to strengthen the municipal planning process and ensure a comprehensive public review of the impacts of mineral exploration before any work can get underway.

In May the Province announced proposed changes to the Act. Effective immediately all privately owned lands in southern Ontario became off limits to claim staking. The work of both organizations continues in anticipation of encouraging further changes prior to the new act being adopted this fall.

During the 2nd Annual Warden's Breakfast in May, MPP Rick Johnson announced that the County was successful in clinching the 2011 Ontario Seniors Winters Games - Winterfest. These will be the first major games that Haliburton has hosted and is expected to inject as much as three quarters of a million dollars into the local economy.

Early in June the Coalition of Haliburton Associations (CHA) officially established a formal structure for a group that will go a long way in strengthening lake area property owners associations through shared resources. This Coalition will be a group to watch over the next few years as they continue to advocate common issues for the benefit of their members and to some extent everyone in the County. ■

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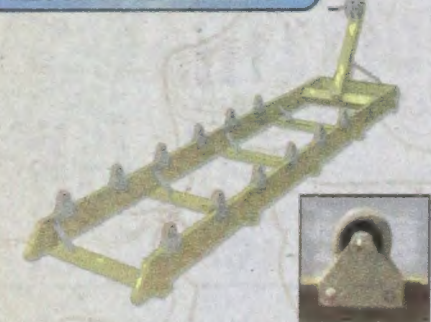


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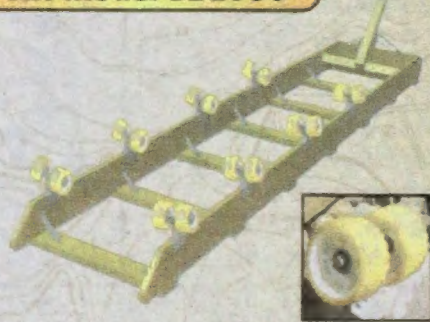
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Above: Piper James Milne leads the way.

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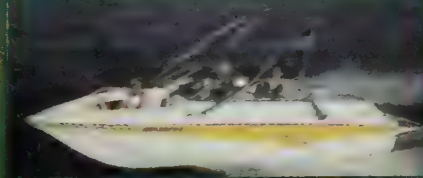
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A Tribute to the King of Pop

Michael Jackson's Death Before Start of Final Tour in Europe Stuns the World

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

When the sudden death of the "King of Pop" was confirmed on Thursday, June 25 by Los Angeles coroner Fred Corral, the news sent shockwaves throughout the world with a force comparable to that of a giant tsunami wave. Millions of adoring fans, many of whom had grown up with Michael Jackson's music since childhood, were at a loss for words after hearing that Michael had passed away from an apparent cardiac arrest at the age of 50.

Though it seemed as if M.J.'s turbulent personal life received more T.V. and radio airplay than his music in recent years, one thing is for sure: true fans will remember him for the right reasons – the moonwalk, his vocal prowess, undeniable charisma, the glittery gloves and all the record-breaking hits and classic albums.

It was around 6:30 p.m. when I received a call from my editor Stephen Patrick. I was at home in the middle of eating a spaghetti dinner, so I missed his initial call.

"What's up?" I asked him when calling back; completely unaware of what was going on. "Did you hear the news about Michael Jackson?" he asked. "No, what do you mean?"

"Reports are stating that he has died," Stephen said.

As a young child, I grew up listening to a lot of Jackson's music on tapes and the radio. I remember attempting to copy a few of his superhuman-like



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dance moves from videos such as "Beat It", "Thriller" and "Bad".

This couldn't be true, I thought to myself. I went on-line immediately and Googled up "Michael Jackson". To my horror there were many similar headlines; "Breaking News: Michael Jackson Confirmed Dead" and "Michael Jackson's Life Cut Shockingly Short". The list went on with millions of more results.

Michael was born on Aug. 29, 1958 in Gary, Indiana, to a working-class family. He was the seventh child of nine children born to Joseph "Joe" Jackson and Katherine Esther.

As an entertainer since the age of four, along with his brothers – Marlon, Jackie, Tito and Jermaine in the Jackson 5, Michael was destined for a life of success, and sadly, misery. His father Joe was abusive and forced his children to abandon a normal childhood in exchange for rigorous life in the recording industry.

After serving his time as a member of the popular bubble gum soul group, Jackson broke out on his own. His meteoric rise to the top of the charts was unstoppable, as he delivered hit after hit. His Thriller album, released in November of 1982, became – and currently is – the world's best-selling album of all time

with sales in excess of 50 million copies. His "Bad" tour held from September 1987 – December 1988 generated record gross revenues of over \$124 million. He's also had more number one hits than any other male artist with 13. And these accomplishments just begin to scratch the surface of M.J.'s illustrious career.

In the early 90's, Michael's career and life really began to take a turn for the worse. He faced several child molestation allegations, one of which led to criminal charges that put the star in the fight of his life.

In the first case, in 1993, Michael wasn't charged because of a lack of evidence; however, in 1995 he wasn't as lucky. Charges that were filed against him by the State of California led to a pricey 13-month trial that drained the already frail singer physically, emotionally and financially. When all was said and done, Michael was acquitted of all charges by the jury. However, it's also a fact that Michael paid out millions of dollars to the families of accusers.

Yes, Michael or "Wacko Jacko" as he was referred to by many was a bit of an oddball. In the last half of his life and career, his face became more and more unrecognizable, his body thinner and his skin whiter. Documentaries that examined his lifestyle at the Neverland Ranch often focused on his over-friendly behaviour with kids who came over to the carnival-like compound.

Hours after his death, many media outlets' coverage emphasized the sensational. Without giving the Jackson family time to come to grips with their loss, and displaying a total disregard for the emotional state of fans, drug abuse, child molestation and plastic surgery were the hot topics of discussion.

Nancy Grace, an American legal commentator, was one who was quick to convict Michael of inappropriate behaviour with children on an episode of her current affairs show on CNN's Headline News on Thursday night.

"All those child molestation cases are now between Michael and God," commented the outspoken TV personality.

At this time, the public and media should reflect on M.J.'s impact on the music industry and how his innovative style inspired many other artists to get into the same business.

Let's stop the bashing and wait until we hear confirmation of what caused his death – though it likely was caused by years of prescription drug abuse – before jumping to conclusions. The family needs some time and space in order to start the healing process. They are, after all, humans like the rest of us.

Rest in Peace Michael: you were truly the King of Pop. ■

Who Said Eating Healthy Was Easy?



Chef of the Month Recipe

Suzanne's Sweet Potato Summer Wraps

- 1/2 cup diced carrot
- 1 cup diced sweet potato
- 1 cup chick peas
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/2 cup water
- salt & pepper to taste
- 4 large wraps or (6 small wraps)

Place diced carrot, diced sweet potato, and curry powder into a small pot with 1/2 cup of water and simmer on low heat for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add chick peas, salt and pepper and continue simmering for 4-5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Cover and remove from heat. Meanwhile prepare 4 wraps, lay wraps onto plate.

Spoon chick pea mixture into the centre of each wrap. Spread mixture along centre line of wrap and roll wrap around mixture. Moistened finger tips and press the edges of wrap together, sealing in mixture.

This recipe makes enough for 6 small or 4

large wraps. Large wraps can be cut into half for kids, one half for dinner and the other half for lunch the following day.

Nutritional Info based on Canada's Food Guide: based on 1 large wrap each
31% of 1 Meat & Alternatives/person
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Chick Peas:
1/2 cup-provides a good source of iron-15%, calcium-4%, protein-10g, fibre-8g
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You can substitute chick peas with any of your favourite beans, such as black or pinto beans, and also substitute carrot with another vegetable.
This recipe can also be made into a stew by adding more water/milk and curry powder and served with rice. ■

SIRCH Challenge Continues to Address Problems Many in the County Face

Suzanne Haedicke of Halimar Resort was the most recent featured chef who attempted to conjure up an affordable meal plan for a family of four in SIRCH's Chef-of-the-Month challenge. The challenge was held at Todd's Independent Grocer on Wednesday, June 24.

Haedicke, along with Halimar Resort employee Jason Boylan, were at the live cooking demonstration to present Suzanne's 'Sweet Potato Summer Wraps' recipe and to discuss ways of saving money on your grocery bill.

Haedicke's meal plan for the day (for a family of four) included a breakfast with oatmeal and juice; lunch with a toasted egg sandwich with carrots and milk on the side; an apple with cinnamon snack before dinner; and chick pea, sweet potato curry wraps for dinner. The meal plan came to a total cost of \$6.54 for a day, which is four cents over the amount that the challenge asks participants to try and fall within.

The premise behind the challenge is to make people aware of the difficulties faced by many families in the county who live on a meagre budget. Statistics show that many parents in the county with children have

incomes of less than \$18,000/year, which means they are left with less than \$200/month (based on a family of four).

SIRCH Executive Director Gena Robertson hopes that the initiative will encourage more people to take look at healthy eating seriously, and realize the problems that low-income families face. She also wants the public to come up with innovative ideas that could help to combat these problem(s).

If you have any tips that you could provide SIRCH Community Services & Consulting with call Nancy Brownsberger at 705 457-1742 ext. 21.

You can also Google "Canada's Food Guide" on the web to see if you and your family are getting the recommended number of healthy food servings per day. Hard copies of the Food Guide can also be obtained in-person at the Health Unit in Haliburton at 191 Highland St. ■

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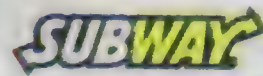
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Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter

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Annie, in the Highlands Summer Festival production of this seminal Broadway musical, which
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runs until July 10th.It's a grand production, and a
challenging one. Directed by Scot
Denton - who doubles as the ar-
tistic director of this 10th Annual
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nie takes us through the improb-
able adoption of a Brooklyn or-
phan by one of the richest men in
the world.The famous score is transposed
and beautifully performed by mu-
sical director Melissa Stephens.Young ingénue Michelle Bailey
gives an immaculate performance
as Annie, the overly and impos-
sibly optimistic orphan. Michelle
has a voice that meshes impec-
cably with Annie's personality.
Bubbly, effervescent and encom-
passing.Michelle is comfortable in her
role as the leader of a rather ambi-
tious and ragtag group of orphans played by young Highland actresses Emma Paul, Kathleen
Tedford, Hannah Klose, Annie McBrien Lyons and Betty and Charlotte Paton.These young girls all manage their roles perfectly. The orphans' sell their parts nicely, bringing
just enough insouciance and knee-slapping exuberance to their roles.The orphan's ply their days at the New York City orphanage under the glowering presence
of the near demonic, gin-sipping train wreck, Miss Aggie Hannigan, played flawlessly in this
production by the sparkling Beth Kipping.If you know the play, you'll also know that Miss Hannigan is part foil, part fool, but mostly
just mean.Beth Kipping carries the part like it was made for her. She plays the villain in the play like
it was meant to be played, with high dudgeon, loud staccato bursts, and curled lip. Oh, and of
course she plays it right over the top.An audience expects its villains to be unapologetic, devoid of compassion and without even
the faintest whiff of ambiguity. Kipping nails her Hannigan with effortless aplomb, and she
pours herself into every song with that same unequivocal glee.This is a robust play, filled with side issues, and the de rigueur political nuance. The play occurs
at Christmas 1933, a time when market collapse forced some thinkers to consider socialism.The republican Hoover administration was replaced by the democrats and Franklin Delano
Roosevelt, who is played superbly - in a vintage wooden wheelchair - by local radio celebrity
Mike Jaycock. Annie and Warbucks actually get to sit in on a Cabinet meeting, spawning, with
one song of hope, FDR's outrageously optimistic New Deal.Of course this play is not a play at all without that intricate bond between Oliver Warbucks,
played by Brian Kipping, and young Annie.And if Annie is the metaphor for the New Deal, and post-depression optimism, Oliver is the
counterpoint to that rising tide of socialism. The epitome of the honest broker. A day's wage for
a day's work. The foraging capitalist - with a heart. Think Ben and Jerry.Their lives become improbably intertwined when Oliver decides to give a two-week Christ-
mas vacation at his mansion to a deserving orphan.An ungainly moment occurs at the beginning of this relationship when they meet. Warbucks
obviously expected a boy. Of course a back-story has Oliver being raised as an orphan himself.Kipping is superb as Warbucks. He has that Warbuck's pose - hands on hips, jaw jutting, stom-
ach sucked - down to a pearly tee.Most important, as the play progresses, we see that unequivocal bond develop between An-
nie and Oliver, sponsored and guided by the able hands of his faithful assistant Grace Farrell
- played quite beautifully by Myrna McBrien.In this production, the bond between Warbucks and Annie is nurtured and coaxed. The two
play against each other superbly.Bailey and Kipping unite through the course of the songs and the script, but Denton never
forces the action.

We see the nurturing hope that Annie provides slowly tumble to the creased forehead of Daddy

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Annie – Northern Lights Pavilion

**June 29th to
July 10th**

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Warbucks. With every crease on that furrowed brow, Kipping moves closer to that intrinsic fact of life. That we all need someone.

Brian Kipping brings a little bit of his own genuineness to his role. In so doing he also bulwarks a strong performance by Bailey. And that all brings us into that metaphor of rejuvenation.

Now not to give away too much, you should know that Miss Hannigan has an equally devious brother named Rooster Hannigan.

Rooster is an unrepentant con artist ably assisted by his less than morally upright main squeeze Lily St Regis.

Rooster is played by Hal High teacher Tom Regina and Lily is played by Marilyn Hawley.

The scenes involving Miss Hannigan, Lily and Rooster bring new meaning to the term "dysfunctional family."

Tom Regina brings the full range of his comedic repertoire to the stage in Annie. Again, an audience loves the unambiguous villain. And Regina delivers, aces and spades.

This is a lovely no miss performance. The whole cast is sound as a drum and the music, as you already know, is timeless and uplifting.

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Rail Trail Committee Disbanded

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

The Haliburton County Rail Trail Management Committee has been disbanded, at least for now. This committee of County Council has become somewhat dysfunctional over the past few months given conflicting ideals by the users and committee members and last Wednesday County Council finally decided that enough was enough.

With the resignation of several key members, the Committee has been unable to make decisions on how to move forward either with the results of the recent public review or on the use of the trail by additional motorized users. Last month a number of delegations were heard about how the trail should or could be used and a number of recommendations were heard including the need to look carefully at the structure of the committee.

The Committee has had seven voting members including two members of County Council, a representative of adjacent land owners, a non motorized representative, motorized representatives from the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association and the Haliburton ATV Association as well as a representative from the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network responsible for administration of the trail.

The recently appointed Chair of the Committee, Cheryl Murdoch (Deputy Reeve of Minden Hills) confirmed that the land owners' representative had resigned and that Trails and Tours had voluntarily given up its vote, given the fact that their administrative role was creating a public perception of conflict of interest.

Murdoch said, "We've been talking about restructuring the committee for some time and the responsibility for that lies with County Council. There has been too much conflict between the non-motorized and motorized groups, often ending in a stalemate. County Council has decided that the Rail Trail will be managed in house through the Economic Development and Tourism Committee. Trails and Tours will continue to implement direction received from County Council and their involvement will continue for the course of their contract which is over at the end of the 2010 calendar year."

"I think that it's a smart move to let the County Council make a decision on how the membership of the Committee should be established both on the number of members and who they represent. The committee definitely needs some restructuring and I believe that County Council

"I think it's a smart move!"
(Cheryl Murdoch)

has the responsibility to do that," said Murdoch.

In the interim, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison represents County Council on Trails and Tours and according to Murdoch will continue to be a liaison between Trails and Tours and County Council with the assistance of the County's Economic Development and Tourism Department.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, who sits on the Economic Development and Tourism Committee said, "No solutions were coming out of either the Committee or County Council. Everyone continued to ponder what appointments should be made to the Committee and a decision was finally made to put responsibility back for the remainder of the year with the people elected to manage the Rail Trail."

Fearrey said that the Economic Development and Tourism Committee was the most appropriate committee to assume responsibility for the Rail Trail as it is a tourism issue and many feel that the trail is also an opportunity for economic development. He said, "I think it could work until a better look can be taken at the structure of the Rail Trail Committee."

In response to a question about outstanding requests for use of the trail, Fearrey said that in the interim no clear decision has been made about the request by the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders to allow Enduro bikes onto the trail and that a number of issues remained outstanding.

Eleanor Harrison spoke in full support of County Council's decision to disband the committee. She said that with the Committee resignations and Trails and Tours taking the heat for Enduro bikes being considered on the trail, it had become almost impossible for the Committee to make decisions and recommendations.

Harrison said she had supported the Trails and Tours suggestion that they no longer have a voting member on the committee as she felt it would take away some of the perceived conflict of interest. She said, "All they would do as a Board would be administer our recommendations on a fee for service basis."

"In the public eye there are a lot of ideas about what the Committee should look like. County Council discussed it on Wednesday and agreed that the committee was no longer able to make decisions," said Harrison. "That doesn't rule out the fact that there will be a committee made up of public persons at a later date, but we were not functioning properly. This allows County Council sufficient time to look at the structure and make decisions in the interim."

Harrison also confirmed that the committee had not been able to complete a serious look at the information that had come out of the January public meetings. "No real recommendations had come forward from the Rail Trail Committee to County Council, so the Economic Development Committee will have to take a look at that."

"I think this is the right way to go," she said. "Members of the public are upset and the only way things can start happening is for it to come back in house for awhile." ■

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Minden Hills in Review

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

The Minden Hills Council has been plagued with difficulties during the first half of 2009 starting with their budget and moving through the decision making process about whether or not to proceed with both a detailed traffic plan and an economic development master plan.

Faced with substantial increases in assessment which were compounded by a considerable shortfall from 2008, the Council wrangled for several months in efforts to reach the best compromise. The 2009 budget was adopted in the absence of Reeve Jim McMahon and Peter Oyler, the Councillor responsible for municipal finances. It totalled \$8,670,292 which topped the scales for tax levies in the County with a 12.4 percent increase.

Council had determined during a retreat late last year that establishing a comprehensive economic development master plan was their top priority for 2009 in efforts to position Minden Hills for economic growth and prosperity. While the economic development plan was tendered, Council was divided on whether or not they should proceed with the project.

Some Council members held the position that a portion of the revenue from increased taxes had been flagged to conduct the study this year, while others thought that the study should be done in phases to reduce the financial implications. Several Councillors felt strongly that the money should be used to cover shortfalls in the 2009 budget which included purchasing furniture and equipment for the new library scheduled for completion in time for the community's sesquicentennial celebration this year.

Whether or not to proceed with the comprehensive study remained a high priority topic and Council explored options with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) which would allow them to complete part of the work through the province's Rural Economic Development (RED) Program. The program allows communities to apply for funding to work on downtown revitalizations.

While an application was submitted to OMAFRA, to date no response has been received and since that time the Council determined in a split vote that they had to shelve the project until their financial position improved.

McMahon also said, "Until we have an active BIA to support our work, we're still missing a piece of the puzzle and we have to have all the players in place to make a project like this a success."

On the other side of the coin, Minden's Riverwalk Project has been moving forward with great success. The community got top billing in the County with the approval of their Building Canada application and will receive a total of \$1,565,460 which will allow the completion of Riverwalk as well as replace the sidewalks on Bobcaygeon Road and give the community a boardwalk on the Minden Walking Trail.

The funding also provided for the installation of a lovely new pedestrian bridge over the Gull River which is part of the Riverwalk project, as well as the installation of a snowmobile bridge over the river that can be converted to a dock during the summer months. The pedestrian bridge, which has been installed, was recently named 'Loggers Crossing', a name which was submitted by Bonnie Fleischaker and which McMahon says fits perfectly.

Referring to the funds received, McMahon said, "It was very good news for Minden Hills. We're fortunate to see the completion of a project that has been in the works for at least 10 years."

McMahon said that their share of the funding would be coming out of gas tax proceeds, so they will not have to go to the ratepayers for the municipality's share of the project costs.

McMahon also said he was very pleased about an announcement made last Friday that the municipality has received \$428,000 in response to an application submitted for Stimulus Funding specifically geared to arena upgrades. "The total cost of the project is \$642,000 which will upgrade the headers, ice surface and boards plus complete a number of major health & safety improvements that we're facing at the arena."

As to their application to complete the resurfacing of Bobcaygeon Road which included storm sewers, McMahon said he thought the project would have been a priority. "I'm still dumbfounded about why the streetscape projects (both in Minden Hills and Dysart) were not approved particularly when they had the support of the Health Unit and Communities in Action."

McMahon's comments mirrored those of Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey when he said that the municipality would have to find out why these applications had not been approved and what could be done to improve the success of an application during a subsequent intake.

The municipality will also be proceeding with the construction of a new water storage tower this year.

Minden Hills is in the throes of preparing for the 150th anniversary of the founding of their community. The celebration activities will continue throughout the year, but many of the signature events take place during a homecoming week of August 7th to 16th.

When asked what his biggest challenge was, McMahon simply said, "Trying to be everything for everybody." And that likely says it all for every Reeve and Municipal Council across the County. ■

"Loggers' Crossing" Chosen for Riverwalk Bridge Name

Minden Hills Council has approved the name "Loggers' Crossing" for the Riverwalk Pedestrian Bridge that was installed on May 20th of this year. The Riverwalk Committee (Roy Haig, Laura Cunliffe, Laurie Carmount, and Cheryl Murdoch) considered 32 qualified submissions. The Grand Opening of the Bridge took place July 1st. The winning name was submitted by Horseshoe Lake's Bonnie Fleischaker.

The Riverwalk Committee stated that "We would like Council to be aware that there were many very good names submitted. Many were named after people who had contributed greatly to our history. But the committee felt unanimously that it was impossible to determine how one historical name was more appropriate than another, and we unanimously agreed that this name, "Loggers' Crossing", reflected the history of Minden and the Gull River. The name also keeps the historical significance of one of the purposes of the river in its former days and is a name easily remembered." ■

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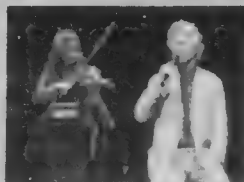
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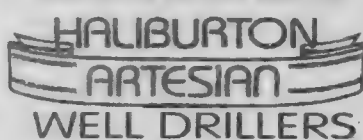


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Minden Hills Council heard a delegation last week from the Devil's Lake Cottagers Association Inc regarding the fate of a dock that it maintains is an integral part of their ability to access their cottages. Of the 38 cottages on the lake 28 are water access only. Association President Clive Sharpe noted that the lake has been developed for over 60 years and was originally provided as a public dock by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).

Many other Haliburton County Lakes, including Koshlong Lake near Donald, have had these "government docks" for generations, usually placed at the end of public roads for the convenience of cottagers and others. Some were built and maintained by the MNR, and others by Parks Canada (when needed for boat access to dams regulated by the federal government.) In the late 1990s, however, under the downsizing policies of then Ontario Premier Mike Harris, the MNR ceased maintaining many of these docks, including the one on Devil's Lake. Ten years ago the local cottagers made some minor repairs themselves just to keep the dock functional.

"Over the last winter the dock suffered damage to the submerged portions of the floating sections that had been installed by the MNR," said Sharpe. "The wood structures had rotted to the point that the hinges would no longer hold the two floating sections in place. So a group of cottagers got together once again on June 7th of this year, and completed temporary repairs at a cost of \$1,012 for materials alone."

The history of the road and dock is further complicated by a number of factors. Sharpe continued, "In the 1970s the provincial government transferred the 66 ft shore road allowance property to the Township of Lutterworth [now a part of Minden Hills], which then took over what was then a private access road. The Township also installed a boat launch ramp and picnic area, which it continues to maintain. The Township also promotes the site to tourists, as does the MNR.

Further complicating the situation is the fact that in 2002 the Ontario government created the Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Park that's operated

by Parks Ontario (which is part of the MNR). This huge 37000 hectares park (next in size only to Algonquin Park) is currently deemed "non-operational", meaning there is no master plan, no operating budget, and no revenue is collected. The dock and public launch at Devil's Lake is a key entry point for the Park. The cottagers assumed, logically, that the MNR might therefore resume their maintenance of the dock. But instead, when the cottagers requested that Parks Ontario consider fixing it, the Parks Superintendent immediately decided to remove the dock entirely, and not to repair or replace it. When the cottagers protested

they were told, in effect, "okay, fix it yourselves, quickly, and it can stay."

But the dock is still on Minden Hills Township property, at the end of a maintained Township road, and all the cottagers pay their taxes to Minden Hills. Fred Harris, one of three Devil's Lake Cottagers who live on the Lake full time, told Council that, "the dock as far as I'm concerned is a part of the road. You take the boat from your cottage, get off on the dock, get into your car, drive to town, shop, come back, put your groceries on the dock, lift them into the boat, and then go home. And we pay taxes, to you: it's you we pay our taxes to."

Reeve Jim McMahon replied that as far as he was concerned, the dock was the property of the MNR and they should be responsible for it. Councillor Barb Reid reminded the delegation that Gull Lake island cottagers were responsible for renting docking space in order to have access to their properties, and that Minden Hills had never assumed docking responsibilities. She also advised the cottagers to write to the new Ontario MPP, Rick Johnson, for help, since the MNR is obviously a branch of the Ontario government. Councillor Bill Obee added that Municipalities couldn't keep paying for provincial downloads. Finally, Reeve McMahon agreed to contact the MNR to try to establish who actually owns the dock, and decide if the Township can do anything about it.

Association President Sharpe also asked that the Municipality consider re-paying the Association the \$1,012 they paid for the dock repairs. This proposal predictably went nowhere. The cottagers then wondered if the Municipality could ensure that by the next Council meeting they'd have some decision. Reeve McMahon responded that he doubted the MNR would make a decision that quickly.

After the meeting Sharpe and Harris told the Voice that what had really upset them was an MNR official asking them, "What do you need a dock for anyway?" Sharpe said that "the dock is essential to many of our cottagers, some of them in their 80's, and some with very young children, in order to get in and out of their boats safely." Harris also observed how crazy it was that no level of government would take responsibility for such a simple service that had been in place for 60 years. ■



Left to Right: Devil's Lake Cottagers Fred Harris, Clive Sharpe, and Larry Bradbury



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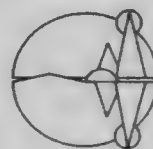
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HAVE (Help a Village Effort) Canadian president Ron Reid of Camarvon was at the year-end assembly at Archie Stouffer Elementary School to accept a cheque from Helping Hands. In its second year, the socially conscious elementary student group raised \$1028 with the support of teacher Laurie Marks-O'Sullivan. The money will be used by HAVE to finish the construction of a school in the town of Boalia in the state of West Bengal, 200km from Calcutta and provide students and staff with school supplies and equipment. Last year, the Helping Hands group provided fresh water for approximately 400 people through funds they raised to drill a well in India.

Mr. Reid thanked the students for their efforts on behalf of HAVE and outlined some of the challenges facing people, especially children, in third world countries. Helping Hand's leaders Maia O'Sullivan and Laura Pottier along with other members will be attending high school next year. During their presentation, the pair stressed the importance of ASES students continuing the work that Helping Hands began two years ago. ■



Dysart et al in 2009

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

Once the contentious issue over how condominium development should take place in Haliburton was resolved things have been a matter of 'business as usual' with a straight road ahead for Dysart overall.

When asked what he felt the Municipality's greatest achievement was so far this year, Reeve Murray Fearrey was quick to respond that it was keeping a reasonable tax rate in place in light of the economy and despite dramatic increases in assessment.

Early in March Council passed a \$10,705,970 budget that resulted in an actual reduction to the total tax rate of the average resident. Fearrey said, "Council was very prudent in the way it has been spending, particularly in light of what is happening with the economy now and will continue to happen next year."

As to his greatest frustration or disappointment, Fearrey voiced a number of concerns about applications made through Building Canada or for Stimulus Funding that had not been successful. Earlier in the year Dysart applied through the Building Canada Fund/Communities Component to complete a streetscape project in the downtown area of Haliburton Village that would include storm sewers and sidewalks, but the application was unsuccessful. The total cost of the project was estimated at \$2,870,198.

Fearrey was disappointed because the project would have been a real boost to the community's economy and created considerable employment in the area. "We can't seem to find out what went wrong with the applications. It seems to be very inconsistent when it comes to the money being doled out and we're getting anxious about that."

Fearrey spoke about the application for Stimulus Funding for their skateboard park. He said, "When we asked why we were turned down, no one seemed to know." Fearrey referred to the complex application process and the fact that the Municipality could have resubmitted their application under one of the specific recreation programs had they realized soon enough.

"It's all being done in such a hurry. The Federal and Provincial governments are going to have to keep some measure of fairness in the funding process." Fearrey said that the rationale for failure of some applications was not clear and he hoped that the process would be resolved soon.

In the meantime, Dysart was successful in receiving funding to complete Haliburton Lake Road improvements, a project which has a total project cost of \$373,477 and to replace the heating system and roof on the West Guilford Community Centre, a project valued at \$120,000. When hearing the news that the two projects were to proceed, Fearrey said,

"These are also high priority projects and we're grateful for the funding."

While there has been a bit of controversy and no resolution to questions raised about the use of trails and old colonization roads between property owners in Harcourt Park and the Haliburton ATV Association, things have been fairly quiet within the municipality and the Council's largest role over the past several months has been considering planning applications and start to work on their Official Plan review.

As to the issue of housing, particularly for seniors wanting to retire in a less work oriented setting, development is moving full steam ahead at the Silver Beach condominium community on the shores of Lake Kashagawigamog and studies are underway that will allow the continued development of the Watercolours Condominium overlooking Head Lake.

Another unique housing project that received approval and is moving forward is the renovation of the old dance studio on George Street in Haliburton into an affordable housing duplex by Haliburton Places for People.

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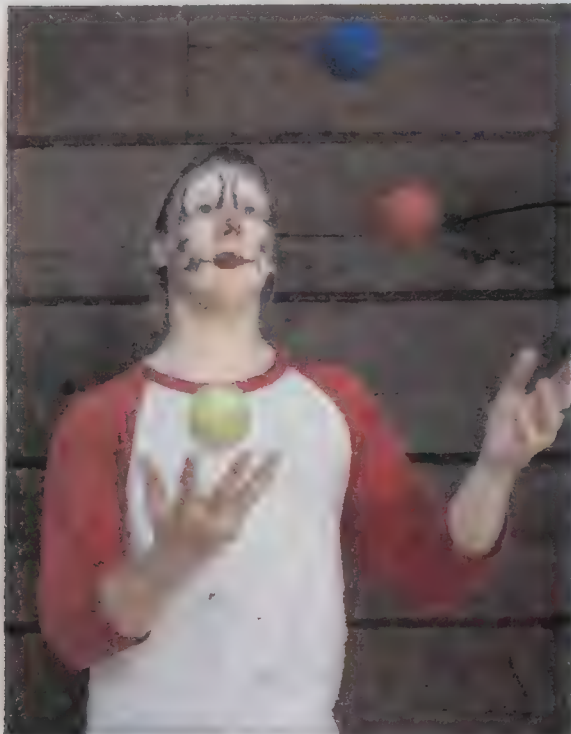
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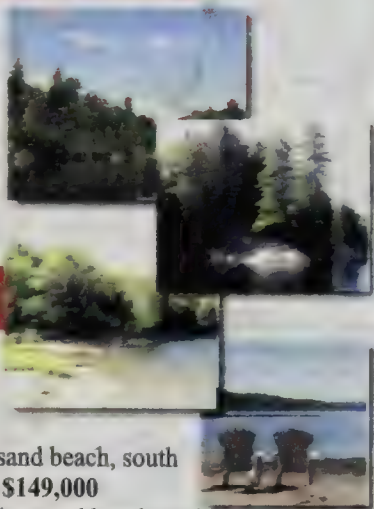
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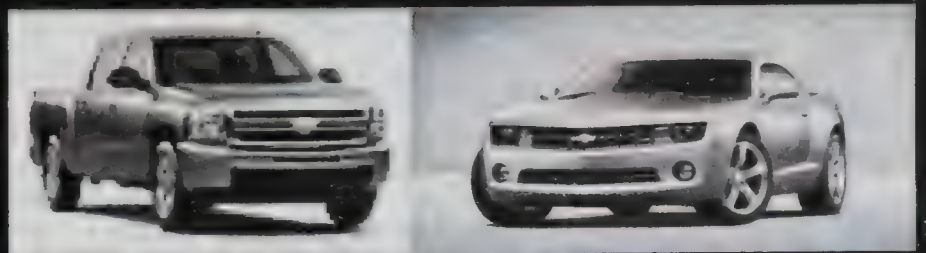
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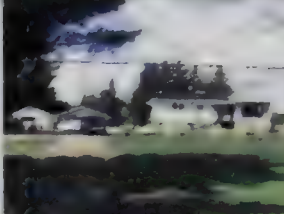
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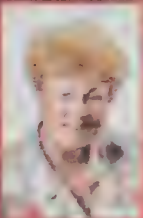
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Nice bright home or cottage offering year round access, 2.3 acres and deeded access to the Kennisis River for fishing, swimming and canoeing. You'll be surprised at how warm and welcoming this little house is from the upper master with ensuite to the awesome oak kitchen, sunroom & den. All of the recent upgrades have been hand crafted with care and attention. It has a garage too!

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**Lynda Litwin**
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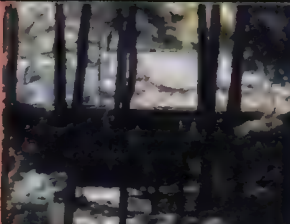


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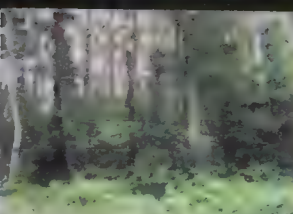


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Red Pine Lake - \$249,000

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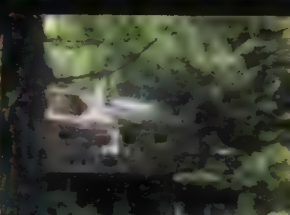


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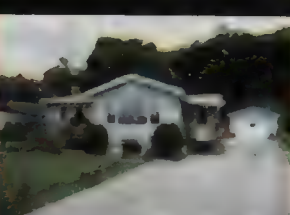


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And of course all our staff for all your help with the transition.

If we forgot anyone, please remind us. We're pretty tired after all this!

Banding Together for Crucial Equipment

Highlands East Firefighters and Community Partners
Fundraiser for the 'Jaws of Life'



People are coming to the call of Hyland's East volunteer firefighters who say they are in need of new extrication equipment.

A number of firefighters with Station 3 in Gooderham were at the town's LCBO on Saturday, June 27 to raise funds through a BBQ and raffle draw that will go towards the groups' collective future purchase of Jaws of Life hydraulic tools worth an estimated \$13,000. For that price they will get 60-ft of hose, cutters and a pump that runs two tools. The rescue

equipment is used to extricate crash victims from their vehicle when they get pinned in the wreckage.

"We have equipment, but it's getting older," admitted Kevin Murphy, Captain of Station 3.

During the morning and most of Saturday afternoon, firefighters spent their time cooking up burgers and hot dogs to benefit their cause. Lottery tickets for a prize package worth \$1,500 were also up for sale. The grand prize is all made up of items donated from businesses (local and non-local) and the firefighters themselves.

But that isn't the extent of the fundraising efforts. The LCBO also is pitching in to help them out through a bottle drive, which was started back in mid-March.

"In previous months we were raising money to move the town's playground equipment and after we did that we raised money for a new skating rink in the town," said LCBO employee Jennifer Horner.

But even after the store successfully raised \$300 for the playground equipment and about \$5,000 for the rink, bottles continued to flow in.

"The bottles kept coming in," said Horner, whose husband is a volunteer firefighter with Station 3. "We heard about what they were going to do so as a store so we decided to help."

Since the LCBO started the bottle drive, Horner estimates that around \$1,500 has been collected for the initiative. Many generous donors, she says, don't bring bottles in, rather they insist on making a cash donation.

"There are lots of people who give \$10 or \$15 when we tell them what about what we're doing," said Horner. She also pointed out that there are a few individuals in the town who go out of their way to pick up empties from hunt camps or after get-togethers.

On top of what the store is doing already, Horner expects that more donations will be collected should other stores in the local district participate in a coin box campaign set to start in July. LCBO's in the county currently signed up include the Wilberforce and Haliburton stores.

"We have a lot of support from head office," added Horner. "I'm sure we'll set our sites on something else once this is finished."

Cec Ryall, a Gooderham firefighter and contact for draw tickets, said that should all the raffle tickets sell, proceeds would be around \$5,000.

"This is our first year at fundraising for this equipment," said Ryall. "We're excited about what we're doing."

Ryall said the department also has received financial commitments from organizations and community members totaling \$3,000 - \$5,000. He added that the support shown by everyone at the BBQ and on "every other day" has been "excellent".

If you did happen to miss last week's BBQ, no need to panic. Tickets for the draw are still available for \$2 each or three for \$5 at the following locations:

Aurora - Home Hardware; Gooderham - Donna Graham, Donna Graham's Diner, D&L Auto Services, Graham's Restaurant, Lucky Dollar Store, Post Office, Schwandt Tim-br Mart, Station 3 firefighters; Irondale - Irondale Store; Kinmount - Shop & Save, Taylor's Gas Station; and Station 4 firefighters in Wilberforce.

The final draw for the prize package, which includes a BBQ, outdoor furniture and other handy items, will be held on August 2 during Horseshoe Days at the Gooderham Community Centre.

Also, don't forget to continue dropping off those empties at the LCBO in Gooderham. ■

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Eddie Pergolas Remembered

Last Friday afternoon Ed Pergolas' family, friends and local politicians gathered in the lounge at the Court (Staanworth Public Housing) to reminisce about Ed Pergolas and make a dedication in his memory. The lounge of the original Staansworth housing facility has become the Pergolas Room. A plaque will be permanently affixed to the door bearing the name and achievements of Ed Pergolas; it will be a visible reminder of his contributions to the community, and a tangible way of saying "thank you".

Ed Pergolas served on municipal council from 1980 until 1985, including a term as deputy reeve and six months as acting reeve. Mr. Pergolas was a huge community supporter, not only through his involvement in local politics, but also through his many years of service as a Minden Rotarian.

During his time on council, the province initiated a program to encourage municipalities to be involved in public housing. Pergolas was instrumental in making public, affordable housing a reality in Minden. At the time of the provincial housing initiative, Anson, Hinden and Minden alone did not have a sufficient population base to qualify for the program. As a means to circumvent the problem, Mr. Pergolas convinced Lutterworth and Stanhope townships to partner for the application, thereby providing adequate numbers to qualify for funding.

The first board was formed in 1980 and consisted of Bill Valentine, Major Lewis, Jim Harrison, Gerald Bain, Lyle Mc Knight and Ed Pergolas. The result is what is now known as Staansworth Non Profit Housing. He was the first President of the board and remained an active member until his death in April of this year.

Ed Pergolas' vision continued to expand. The first building was The Court, completed in 1984 and having 22 units. The Terrace was constructed in 1989 with an additional 32 units, and finally the 20 family townhouses, Floralan, were built in 1992.

The continued waiting list for affordable housing continues today, Ed Pergolas appears to have been a man ahead of the times.

A Barbecue Fit for a King

High School Principal Takes Home a Big Prize in Father's Day Giveaway



With the President's Choice BBQ, left to right: Wanda Robinson, Pinestone Resort Marketing Administrator, BBQ winner Gary Brohman, Pinestone Pro Shop Manager Gail Kivela and Pinestone's General Manager Cynthia Romanyk.

One Haliburtonian's passion for the game of golf worked to his advantage after he learned that he was the big winner in a Father's Day raffle.

Gary Brohman, an avid golfer and Principal of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS), won a Broil King barbecue with all the bells and whistles in a draw organized by the Pinestone Resort in Haliburton.

"This is my home away from home," said Brohman, a longtime golf member at the course. Brohman said that he will likely give the barbecue to his son as a gift.

Every time golfers – both members and non-members – came to the resort to play a round during the month of June, they were able to put an entry into the draw. Approximately 250 entries were received.

In August, the resort will have a draw for a patio set, and in the coming days, dock Lobsters will be back in the waters, so look out for them! For more information call the Pinestone at 705 457-1800. ■

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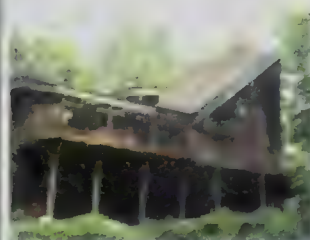


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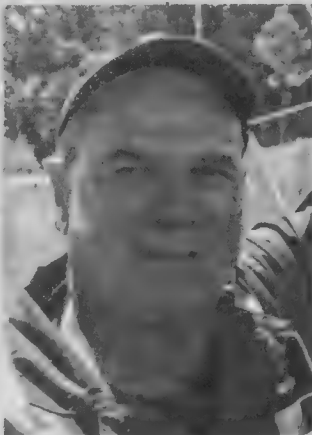
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Have Your Say... VOX POP

Haliburton local Matt Duchene was recently the No. 3 overall pick in the NHL draft. Duchene was selected by the Colorado Avalanche. We asked people, "Did you hear of the news and have you been following his hockey career? Does his new-found fame help put the county on the map?"



Karen Mintz, Gooderham – "I've been paying attention to it. I think it's exciting news, especially to people from this area. What he's doing shows the younger kids that if you work hard towards your goals, you can achieve them. The constant mentions of Haliburton in the media coverage are also great for the county. A lot of hockey talent has come out of here."



Nelson Johnston, Carnarvon – "I knew right away when he was third pick, but I wish Toronto had got him. I'm sure many other people also would have liked to of seen that. I watched Matt in the junior games when they won the gold medal. It's hard not to pay attention to a Haliburton boy who is all over the TV. I think it's good because people like him keep kids interested in the sport."



Larry Hussey, Drag Lake – "I know Matt's dad quite well and I've been following his hockey career for a number of years. I was quite pleased to see that he was selected third overall. It's excellent to see a local kid get this far in the sport. Also, any good publicity we can for the area is great, especially this way."



Robert Heeps, Haliburton – "I've seen him (Duchene) in the papers and other media, but I don't that much attention to hockey because I'm not that into the sport. I'm more into soccer. I've only lived up here for a year but I've noticed that there are quite a few NHL players from this area. There must be a good program!"

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Sunspot Mystery



Solar experts say they have discovered why there have been virtually no sunspots during an unusually long break between sunspot cycles over the past year and a half – a lagging jet stream deep within the sun. The reduced amount of solar energy reaching the Earth due to a nearly spotless sun appears to have had a temporary dampening effect on global warming, scientists say. Speaking at an American Astronomical Society gathering in Boulder, Colo., Rachel Howe and Frank Hill of the National Solar Observatory demonstrated how they observed the sluggish solar jet at their facility near Tucson. They say that while it has taken three years for the jet to drift the same distance that it did over two years during the previous cycle, it appears to be reaching a critical point at which its influence will allow sunspots from the new cycle to emerge more frequently.

Child of Krakatoa



Tourists and fishermen were banned from venturing within a 1.25-mile radius of Anak Krakatau (child of Krakatoa) volcano due to fountains of lava and molten rocks being spewed from its crater into Indonesia's Sunda Strait. Recent swarms of tremors have marked a significant increase in activity.

Earthquakes



Areas from Alaska's Kenai Peninsula and Anchorage northward to Fairbanks were jolted by a magnitude 5.4 quake centered 60 miles north of Anchorage.

• Earth movements were also felt in far eastern Greece, central Italy's aftershock zone, eastern Papua New Guinea and greater Los Angeles.

Older Immunity



An American infectious diseases specialist says many older people worldwide may have a type of immunity to the H1N1 swine flu virus now sweeping the planet. This could account for most of its victims being relatively young. Writing in the journal *Lancet*, Leonard Mermel of Rhode Island Hospital speculates that much of the world's older population carries immunity due to exposure to the "Russian flu," which swept around the world during the late 1970s similarly to the current swine flu virus. Those born after that time were not exposed to the Russian flu, and are more likely to suffer infection in the current pandemic, according to the article. Mermel writes that a comparable pattern was noted among flu victims in the late 1970s. The Russian flu was similar to H1N1 strains that spread around the world between 1946 and 1957. Adults exposed to those strains had a relative immunity to the Russian flu decades later.

Whale Cuisine



As the International Whaling Commission (IWC) met in Lisbon to wrangle an agreement between members who oppose whaling and traditional whaling nations, chefs around Tokyo said they have developed new gourmet recipes to entice more people to eat whale. A recent study reveals that only 12 percent of Japanese in their 20s eat whale meat, which was once a precious source of protein during the lean times following World War II. New menus tout such creations as whale spring rolls, whale cutlets and whale bacon. Japan still conducts whaling through a loophole in the 1986 IWC moratorium on commercial whaling that allows whales to be slaughtered for "research" purposes.

Tropical Cyclones



Category 1 Typhoon Linfa weakened to tropical storm force just before making landfall in China's Fujian province. High winds and flash flooding left at least one person dead and six others missing.

• One person was dead and seven others were left missing after Tropical Storm Nangka swept over the central Philippines.

• Hurricane Andres, the season's first such storm in the eastern Pacific, killed one person as it drenched the Mexican coast from Acapulco to Puerto Vallarta.

Belchless Bovines



A Canadian scientist says he is breeding a unique type of cow that burps less greenhouse gas. The development could lead to herds of ruminant animals that contribute far less to global warming than their everyday counterparts. Normal cows are responsible for nearly three-quarters of the world's total methane emissions. Methane is 20 times more potent than carbon dioxide in affecting climate change. Writing in the *Journal of Animal Science*, Stephen Moore of the University of Alberta in Edmonton says that primary tests have been completed into using traditional animal husbandry methods to breed animals that produce 25 percent less methane than typical cattle. Moore says another way to cut down on bovine emissions is to accelerate growth, so the animals spend less time than on the ground from when they are born until they are slaughtered. Breeding cows that are more efficient in converting feed into muscle would also produce less waste, he says.

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Highlands East in Review

Reeve Dave Burton says that Highlands East has a lot on the go and of that, there is no doubt. The municipality has faced a number of challenges over the past six months, but they have also achieved a lot of good work.

While Highlands East may have been the last of the municipalities in the County to officially adopt their 2009 budget, it was worth the wait for residents. A \$250,000 surplus at the end of 2008 went a long way toward establishing what CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig called "a bare bones budget."

The bottom line for tax payers was that despite hefty increases in assessments across the board averaging 11 percent, many residents would see a reduction in their taxes after Council agreed to decrease the rates by 8.18 percent from last year.

One of the largest concerns that continues to challenge Council is how to handle ongoing complaints about feral and domestic cats. Council has investigated numerous solutions over the past year and are only now coming to terms with having to establish their own shelter for cats and encouraging a volunteer operated feral cat colony on municipal property in a location that will not create hardships for residents.

Last year Council were deluged with complaints about their Chief Building Official, and while considerable improvements have been achieved, the complaints continue to trickle in from developers who may not be used to a stricter regime that what has been in place in years past. A new code of conduct has been established for the CBO and the Building Department is scheduled to relocate to the municipality's Gooderham office over the next several months.

One issue that has been on the books for over a year is the naming of roads in the municipality, most specifically the renaming of South Wilberforce Road to Saunders Road. The renaming has been of considerable concern to some of the old guard in the community and numerous delegations have been made to Council as well as County Council, who oversee the 911 program in the County. Finally, in June the matter was put to bed when Council and County Council agreed to re-establish the historic name of South Wilberforce Road.

Highlands East was successful in their Building Canada application to upgrade a portion of Hadlington Road. The total project cost is \$750,600 to complete ditching, culverts, gravel and hardtop and work will be completed over a two year time frame. According to Reeve Burton, the work is badly needed and they're extremely happy to have received project approval.

Council has been very much in the planning mode this year and have just recently accepted a Fire Master Plan for the community. While no decisions have been made at this point, the recommendations in the report may result in more than a bit of controversy as they include shutting down three of the six fire stations.

Another recommendation in the Fire Master Plan that is likely to generate some heat is to replace the firehall in Wilberforce with a combined administrative building/firehall. Decisions of that magnitude will likely tie into ongoing discussions about the disposal of municipal facilities that have become surplus to the community's needs since amalgamation.

This year the municipality purchased two new pumper trucks to complement the two tankers that arrived last fall. The pumpers are stationed at the firehalls in Wilberforce and Gooderham. Council were also able to purchase a new plow truck this year.

Council has held a number of strategic planning sessions this year that are proving to be very productive. The strategic planning process will be ongoing throughout the summer.

Last month Council heard a presentation by a developer who is planning to convert the old veneer plant on Dark Lake into a condominium development. This development is in the early planning stages, but Burton says that if it meets all the approval requirements it will make a huge difference to the downtown core of Wilberforce. It has been some time since Wilberforce has seen a development of this magnitude and to date, the project has been very well received.

Burton said that Highlands East has applied for a number of grants to assist with projects. The first is an application through the Community Adjustment Fund that, if successful, will allow the community to brush out all of the roads in the municipality and go a long way toward improving safety. This program is funded 100 percent through the federal government.

Highlands East has applied for a Bear Wise grant to purchase additional bear proof containers and through Parks Canada for funding to make improvements and repairs to the historical Red Cross Outpost building in Wilberforce.

The municipality has also applied for funding for an IB&O Rail Trail upgrade as well as for walking paths in Cardiff. According to Burton some sections of the rail trail are in serious need of upgrading and the residents of Cardiff have been requesting walking paths for some time.

A lot of work has gone into beautification this year with the installation of hanging baskets and welcome flags in Wilberforce, Gooderham, Highland Grove, Cardiff and the Tory Hill parkette. Burton said, "This is an excellent addition to the community and will go a long way in welcoming visitors."

As to the question of their greatest challenge, Burton said, "Our biggest challenge is ensuring that we get all of these projects completed within budget." ■



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On July 6, 1942, in Nazi-occupied Holland, 13-year-old Jewish diarist Anne Frank and her family are forced to take refuge in a secret sealed-off area of an Amsterdam warehouse, where they hide for two years. "The Diary of Anne Frank" has served as a literary testament to the 6 million Jews, including Anne herself, who were si-

lenced in the Holocaust.

¥ On July 7, 1928, the Chrysler Corporation introduces the Plymouth as its newest car. With a delivery price of \$670, the Plymouth was an attractive buy, selling more than 80,000 units in its first year.

¥ On July 8, 1776, in Philadelphia, the Liberty Bell rings out from the tower of the Pennsylvania State House (now known as Independence Hall), summoning citizens to the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence. Though the document was adopted by delegates on July 4, the Liberty Bell was not rung until the Declaration of Independence returned from the printer on July 8.

¥ On July 9, 1877, the All England Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club begins its first lawn tennis tournament at Wimbledon. The Wimbledon Championship is the only major tennis event still played on grass.

¥ On July 10, 1992, the Alaska court of appeals overturns the conviction of Joseph Hazelwood, the former captain of the oil tanker Exxon Valdez. Hazelwood had been found guilty of negligence for his role in the massive oil spill in Prince William Sound in 1989. The Exxon Valdez, renamed Sea River Mediterranean, still transports oil, but is legally prohibited from entering Prince William Sound.

On July 11, 1656, Ann Austin and Mary Fisher, two Englishwomen, become the first Quakers to immigrate to Boston. Austin and Fisher, whose liberal teachings enraged the Puritan colonial government, were arrested and jailed. After five years in prison, they were deported.

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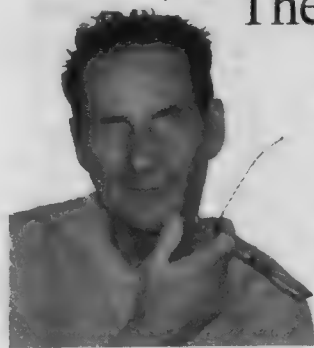
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Grunting in Tennis Reaching a Crescendo

The day they gunned down Shadrack O'Riley in Battle of the Boynes



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Michelle Larcher de Brito of Portugal is only 16 but she packs a wallop.

She's the newest prodigy in women's tennis and she

has erupted onto the scene in more ways than one.

The CBC program, As it Happens aired a story last week outlining her penchant for prodigious shrieking as she strikes the ball. A few weeks ago at the French Open, Larcher de Brito's grunts - or shrieks or whatever her detractors are calling them - were so loud that one of her opponents filed a complaint, saying that they were distracting her from her play.

There were no official sanctions handed down. But the crowd voted vocally when they booed Larcher de Brito as she left the court.

Maria Sharapova, another shrieker, has been measured at 101 decibels. That's just a little less effusive than a lion's roar.

These professional inclinations, that began with Jimbo Connors back in the 70s, have the de rigueur spillover effects.

Three decades of prolonged professional on-court shrieking long ago made its way to the club level.

I used to be a member of the Winnipeg Tennis Club.

We were hosting the Manitoba Open back in 1999.

A Level 9, code one shrieker parachuted into the Open from the Royal Brandon Golf and Tennis Club.

He was in my age group category - over 40 and fading - and had been breezing through the qualifying rounds with a mix of sidekick punching ground shots, some reticent serve and volley,

and a decent California twist service.

However he was drawing the ire of some of the more staid members of the club with his half Agassi, part Connors and mostly obnoxious habit of screaming after every punched shot.

It sounded like this: "EE-Eyaaaaaaaayippppp-peeceeeeeeoooooooo!"

And it - we found out from some disconcerted patrons of The Keg patio on Pembina Highway - could be heard a half mile away.

Even dropshots were accompanied by a hearty "EE-Eyaaaaaaaayippppp-peeceeeeeeoooooooo!"

His name was Shadrack O'Riley and he owned a pub in Brandon, Manitoba.

The cries were made all the more incongruous by the fact that he was 68, stood only 5'5" and weighed in at 145 pounds.

Almost imponderable that such a small, old vessel could produce such a prodigious sound.

We had two older members of the club, the Boyne brothers Bob and Brian, who were beaten by the tiny Irishman in the opening rounds.

They were both British imports. Both were in their late 60s.

They had no love for the Irish. And over two days, they had developed a slow boiling hatred of this particularly squeaky Irishman.

They checked the schedule and saw that I was playing the "tiny trumpeter" next in the provincial quarter-finals.

Brian and Bobby Boyne greeted me conspiratorially just before the scheduled 2 pm start.

"We've got a little surprise in store for our wee Irish friend," winked Brian Boyne.

I saw the twinkle in the eyes and begged them to let me get my licks in on the court ... before they hatched their plan.

They assured me that they would let the match play out.

I came for my match prepared with a set of industrial strength earplugs.

The match went something like this.

O'Riley serve: "EE-Eyaaaaaaaayippppp-peeceeeeeeoooooooo!"

My return winner.

The umpire: "Love-fifteen."

Me: "WHAT?"

O'Riley: "Love-fifteen! Are ye' deaf?"

Me: "WHAT?"

And on it went.

Me winning the first set 6-1.

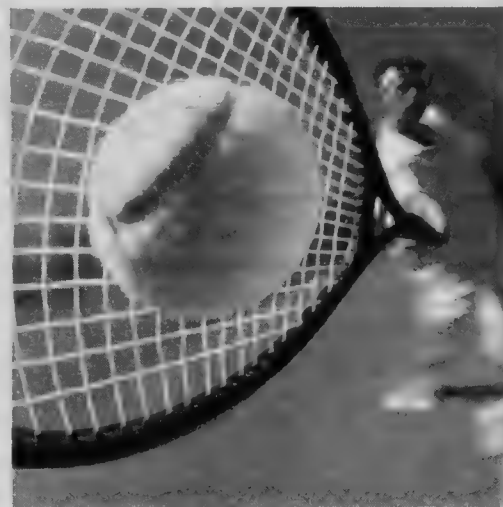
Now at second set, up 5-2 and at match point, I serve.

O'Riley sizing up a punching two-hander return.

O'Riley following through: "EE-Eyaaaaaaaayippppp-peeceeeeeeoooooooo!"

Ball sails long and gone.

Umpire: Game, set and match, Gavan!"



Me: "WHAT?"

And then the Boynes. Rolling up the club's two ball machines. Spitting, spewing and thundering mayhem launchers, capable of propelling a tennis ball through chrome muzzle at a velocity of 220 kilometer per hour.

They blocked the only exit from the court.

The Boyne Brothers shouting to me and the umpire.

"Take cover boys! We're in it now!"

Me: "WHAT?" And then I notice over 100 people had gathered around the fence surrounding the court. And I watch as the Boynes set up those two deadly ball machines.

"Now, O'Riley ... we're going to give you something to yell about!" says Brian.

And they let loose at O'Riley who was too busy packing his rackets and licking his wounds to notice the ball machines.

Then the swoosh and pop of the ball machines begins. Swoooooosh! Pop! Plop! A body shot!

"EE-Eyaaaaaaaayippppp-peeceeeeeeoooooooo!"

Both machines are working now. Swoooooosh! Pop! Plop!

"EE-Eyaaaaaaaayippppp-peeceeeeeeoooooooo!" cries O'Riley.

The crowd is into it. Cheering. They have the grunt down pat.

With every body shot O'Riley shrieks, accompanied by 40 mocking cries from the crowd.

"EE-Eyaaaaaaaayippppp-peeceeeeeeoooooooo!" "EE-Eyaaaaaaaayippppp-peeceeeeeeoooooooo!"

It goes on for another 5 minutes.

Swoooooosh! Pop! Plop!

"EE-Eyaaaaaaaayippppp-peeceeeeeeoooooooo!"

The Catholic Monsigneur from St. Patrick's Parish in St. Boniface, Fr. Willem McGeary - my doubles partner as it turns out - rushes out to the court and finally convinces the Boyne brothers to stand down.

O'Riley emerges rattled, but unscathed, and comes over to shake my hand.

O'Riley asks me, "Geez, am I really that loud?"

I reply: "WHAT?"

A little note to close.

Monsigneur McGeary and I met Shadrack and his brother Mee-shack O'Riley in the doubles final a day later.

Shadrack kept one eye on the court and another tuned to the Brothers' Boyne.

We played three sets.

Nary an uttered "EE-Eyaaaaaaaayippppp-peeceeeeeeoooooooo!" during the course of that match.

Fr. McGeary attributed it to a quiet word he had with Shadrack before the match.

I nodded to the good Padre. I knew that it had nothing to do with quiet words and everything to do with that ball machine stationed at the exit to Centre Court.

"EE-Eyaaaaaaaayippppp-peeceeeeeeoooooooo!"

Now. As they say at Wimbledon: "Quiet please!" ■

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Haliburton Prospect Aims at NHL this Year

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6'5" is widely regarded as the second coming of Nik Lidstrom.

Tampa Bay picked according to Hoyle and selected the Swede with its second pick.

And of course, at that moment, anyone who followed this year's sweepstakes knew that Haliburton native Matthew Duchene was going to Colorado.

Matthew knew it too.

Caught on tape forever are a quick smile and then a barely noticeable fist pump.

Duchene just smiles remembering that moment.

"Yeah, I had no idea that the cameras were on me," said Duchene, in an interview back in Haliburton last Sunday, just 40 hours after the Friday night draft. "It was nothing at all against Tampa Bay, because they have a great team, but at the same time, I knew that Colorado was picking next."

"Colorado, the team I grew up cheering for, and when I saw that (TB picking Hedman) happen... well, I was really happy."

Imagine, you're a fan and have been following a team your whole life. Imagine that you have an autographed jersey of that team's most famous skater/scorer, Joe Sakic in your room.

Imagine you have another jersey signed by their storied goaltender Patrick Roy.

Imagine you grew up sketching logos of that favorite team on schoolbooks and notepads.

Imagine that team is the Colorado Avalanche.

And now imagine, that you're on the verge of realizing a life-time dream.

You are about to be selected third overall in the 2009 NHL draft.

And the team that's doing the picking is the Colorado Avalanche.

If you can imagine all of that.

You can imagine too, why Duchene was caught on camera with the smile, the fist pump, and the nod.

"This is unbelievable. This is a dream," said Duchene, in a TSN interview last Friday evening, wearing an '09 Avalanche sweater and team baseball cap. "I keep looking down at the logo going, 'Are you kidding me?' I used to draw their logo every day in school. I'm just so happy."

Understand that Duchene was completely aware of his status going in.

Last Sunday, the understated, humble and self-effacing centerman said that his agent Pat Brisson had prepared him for all possible scenarios.

He knew going in that he would be top three. There was a glass ceiling posted by the draft gods. There were Tavares, Hedman and Matty Duchene.

And there was the rest of the field.

"When he (Hedman) went, I knew," said Duchene last Sunday.

Duchene takes some time here to delineate those feelings.

"It was a defining moment, and just so amazing," said Duchene.

Thoughtful, insightful, and uniquely equipped to explain all this success at such a young age, Matthew is quick to point out that there was never a doubt at any point in his young career that this

is where he would be some day.

"To be honest with you, I've never for one day in my life thought that this was not going to happen," said Duchene.

"This is something I've always known and always believed in," he adds. "It was meant to be."

And he stops right there.

He realizes that some people might misinterpret this.

It might be viewed as braggadocio.

He stops to clarify.

He explains that he was blessed with a certain skill set. The wheels, the hands, the smarts.

He allows that his family, dad Vince, mom Chris, and sister Jessica have all conspired to make his hockey life manageable.

All those things, plus an unswerving dedication to the craft have brought him to where he is today.

Knowing what was coming, is the logical stopping point, and is not a factor of self-aggrandizement.

A law student fully expects to be a lawyer. A medical student knows that one day he or she will be working in medicine. Why should a young talented hockey player not be blessed with that same incisive insight?

Matthew is quite self-assured in explaining his particular dance with destiny.

He's worked very hard on all facets of his game.

His dad Vince taught him that the best players never glide. Those hard charging feet, always churning, is the one thing that impressed most scouts.

That demeanour, determined two way play and smarts just completes the package.

His mother Chris is an organizer and her behind the scenes work has allowed him to concentrate on goals.

His sister Jessica, well, Jessica is having to answer all those questions, every day.

Matthew Duchene is grateful. They are part of the reason that he has known all along that this day would arrive.

"They (my family) have committed as much to this dream as I have," said Matthew. "It was as big a night for them as it was for me."

He explained that more than anyone, he owes a great debt of gratitude to his supportive family.

"Since I was eight years old, their life has been dictated by my hockey," said Matthew.

And now, no rest for Duchene, who is headed to Denver and the mile high celebrations on Monday and Tuesday.

The team has scheduled a meet and greet with Duchene and some of their other draft picks.

Then he's home again for a brief stint before heading back for the prospects camp which is slated for July 7-12.

And he's of course hoping to have a few chats with Joe Sak-

ic, who has suddenly entered Duchene's life in substantive form.

From hero to teammate in the wink of an eye and the pump of a fist last Friday.

And as befits an OHL Scholastic Player of the Year, Duchene has already done the de rigueur background work.

"They get 300 days of sunshine a year," chuckled Duchene, who has also nabbed a sponsorship agreement with Reebok, a deal he signed last week in Montreal two days prior to the draft.

The Avs new general manager Greg Sherman strode to the podium with an Avs sweater tucked under his arm that had "Duchene" on the back. Sherman said there was no uncertainty among the Avs' staff about picking Duchene at No. 3.

"If he was on the board, he was the guy we were looking at taking," Sherman said. "This was a real springboard of what we're trying to do going forward, and we're excited."

Duchene will be introduced at a press conference in Denver on Tuesday, his first visit to Colorado. He is no stranger, however, to Avalanche history, idolizing not only Sakic and Roy but Peter Forsberg as well.

"Every kid dreams of playing for his boyhood team," said Duchene, whose uncle, Newell Brown, is an assistant coach with the Anaheim Ducks. "It's crazy. They have not had a top pick in many years, and the one year I'm available and rated up there, they have it. It's kind of fate, I guess."

And last Sunday Duchene said that he was fully locked into a goal to make the team this season.

Like he said on TSN last Friday, if he doesn't make the team, he's still got a great team in the Brampton Battalion to head back to.

But last Sunday Duchene expressed an unwavering commitment to training hard this summer with the goal of earning a spot with the Avalanche.

"A lot depends on what happens between now and September with the team, but I'm training this summer with the intention of making the team," said Matthew.

And if you know anything about Matt Duchene.

You know that he's all about churning those dreams into vivid realities. ■

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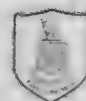
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Five fun Questions with Matt Duchene

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor



Mick Frybort (center with Panama hat and flowered shirt) was on hand at McKeck's Place for Friday night's NHL Draft. Mick was Matt Duchene's first hockey coach and was interviewed by the A-Channel for a Matt Duchene feature that aired on the A-Channel last Friday evening.

They were all there parked in front of three big screens at McKeck's Place in Haliburton. Most conspicuous was the A-Channel cameraman, who was standing ready for the inevitable announcement last Friday night in Haliburton.

On the screens?

The TSN live coverage of the 2009 NHL draft.

minute as Matt Duchene shook hands with his entourage of family and friends at the Bell Center in Montreal.

In attendance at McKeck's were teachers, acquaintances and some former classmates of Duchene.

There also, was Matt's first coach, Mick Frybort. Mick says Matty was only four or five at the time. Mick remembers picking him up and depositing him over the boards and onto the ice.

Followed by those memorable words uttered by a veritable legion of coaches across Canada.

"Now, Matty, go skate."

Mick was interviewed by the A-Channel and like everyone had some fond memories of Haliburton's newest sensation.

The Haliburton faithful were there for one reason.

Because the Brampton Battalion superstar has ignited a town and put Haliburton on the map.

TSN has traveled twice to Haliburton for nationally televised feature stories on Duchene and his family.

And now because of that coverage, there is iconic proof that black flies are rampant and ugly in this particular piece of god's green acre.

The McKeck's patrons all erupted in laughter and knowing smiles as Matthew, dressed in full body black fly regalia - head to toe black netting - let fly with pucks on his

dry-land rink.

In an interview from Haliburton last Sunday Matt was smiling too.

"That's one piece that everyone reminds me about," smiled Duchene.

And of course it will be imported to Colorado as Duchene makes his way to Denver this week for a meet and greet with fans, players and brass.

He will be back there for a prospects camp in mid-July.

Fans at McKeck's heard Duchene's interview and his promise to do everything necessary to make the Rockies this season.

That's a tall order for any 18-year-old prospect, but Duchene told TSN and the nation that he remains very confident that he possesses the requisite skill set to compete for a spot with the Avs.

Under NHL age bylaws, Duchene can play no more than 10 games for the Avalanche at the start of next season before the Avs must decide to keep him for the rest of the regular season under a pro contract, or send him back to Brampton, where he would not be eligible to come back to the Avs until the NHL playoffs.

Wojtek Wolski, another former Brampton product, went through such a split rookie season with the Avs in 2005-06. Duchene said he looks forward to meeting with Wolski at some point this summer.

The Avs training camp gets underway September 12th.

The big question seems to be if Duchene will play for the Avalanche next season, or if he will return to Brampton for one more year. The forward is keeping a positive attitude and an open mind. "I think I'm pretty close. I'm not going to know for sure until I get to camp and see what it's all

about, but ultimately it's not my decision," said Duchene.

And if it's decided that another year playing junior hockey will be to his benefit, Duchene is just fine with that scenario as well.

"You know what? I've got a great team to go back to in Brampton if that's the case."

Duchene has an interesting spot already up on the Colorado website.

Called five questions with Matt Duchene, it's a playful take on Matty's lighter side.

If he could be in a movie?

Duchene says it would be a Star Wars romp. "I'm a big sci-fi freak and star wars fan," says Matty.

Most played song on his i-Pod? "Ticks, by Brad Paisley."

And if not hockey Matt?

"I'd be in a band somewhere maybe playing some country music or rock," says Duchene. "I love music."

Passing time on the bus?

Reading and listening to music. "I read the Patrick Roy biography this year," says Duchene. "He was a big hero of mine when I was younger."

And favorite shootout move?

"Pavel Datysuk's fade away move," says Matt.

And for some reference on just how well these number three draft picks have gone over the past several years take a look at this outstanding rota: 2008: Zach Bogosian – Atlanta; 2007:

Kyle Turris – Phoenix; 2006: Jonathan Toews –

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Sir Sam's first foray into summer operations began last Saturday.

And although the chairlift wasn't operating – the lift paperwork wasn't delivered on time, even though it passed muster and was approved for operation last week – that didn't place a damper on the enthusiasm of the 100 or so patrons who came out to ride the trails and BMX track at Sir Sam's.

The Durham Mountain Bike Association, as well as Mark Schmidt from IMBA and other volunteers helped the staff at Sir Sam's cut over eight kilometers of cross country and downhill mountain bike trails over the past two months.

Staff said they also owe a great deal of thanks to Lou Fenninger who was there for all of the planning and support sessions.

Co-owner Chris Bishop said that it was a great turnout for opening day. He also promised that the lift will be up and running July 3rd.

All of the various mountain bike trails got a workout last Saturday. The sunny skies and firm conditions allowed riders of all ages and categories to get a feel for the rugged, challenging and demanding sport.

Bishop was quick to point out that the Sir Sam's trails have been laid out to accommodate all levels of riders.

Last weekend featured free draws and hot dogs for the kids, Devinci Bike Demos and a Trailside Maintenance seminar.

Algonquin Outfitters, from Huntsville, who provide the rental bikes to Sir Sam's, was on hand to kick off the start of the season.

Outfitters' staff member Will Lougheed is the man behind a unique summer odyssey.

Every Tuesday night from June 30th to August 25th Sir Sam's will play host to an exciting and fun race night. The event is open to all age groups and riders of all skill level are invited to come on down and join in the fun.

Lougheed says that all participants need a valid Ontario Cycling Association membership card. Lougheed says that he will have membership forms on hand every Tuesday of the race night.

OCA memberships cost \$30 for youth and \$40 for adult membership and the passes also qualify users for entrance to other races around the province.

The Tuesday night race will cost \$15.00 for the first night and \$10 for each subsequent night.

An Ontario Cup Downhill Mountain Bike Race is scheduled for the August 15 & 16th at Sir Sam's.

And if you're not into biking?

Well, there's a lot more going on this summer at Sir Sam's says Bishop.

There are horseback rides, food service, and an interesting array of local crafts and goods on display in the main chalet building.

While the more adventurous members of the family are traipsing up and down trails, people are also free to take a scenic chairlift ride.

Patrons can ride the chairlift and take in some of the most spectacular panoramic views in the Highlands over Eagle and Moose lakes. Chairlift rates are: One Ride: \$6.95; Unlimited Daily Rides: \$14.95; Family of 3 or more single ride: \$24.95; and Family unlimited day pass: \$39.95.

It's about a five minute ride up the slopes of Sir Sam's. Once at the top, you can enjoy the view, take a hike, or eat your lunch at our picnic area. Return to the chalet via the chairlift.

Sir Sam's is open for summer fun in July and August Wednesday to Sunday from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.

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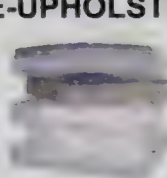
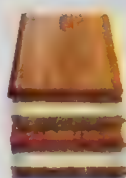


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see photo spread of graduation night - next page...

Highland Crest Celebrates Minden's Sesquicentennial

Saturday afternoon Highland Crest threw a birthday party to celebrate Minden's sesquicentennial. HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush, Reeve Jim McMahon and several councilors and township employees were in attendance to share the festivities with residents and their friends, families and staff. Revelers were entertained by Johnny Burke, while Jim McMahon distributed Minden Hills sesquicentennial pins. Prior to cutting the cake, Rosebush and Burke shared the stage for a country rendition of Happy Birthday. ■

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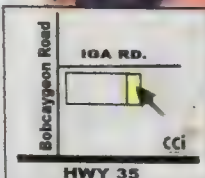
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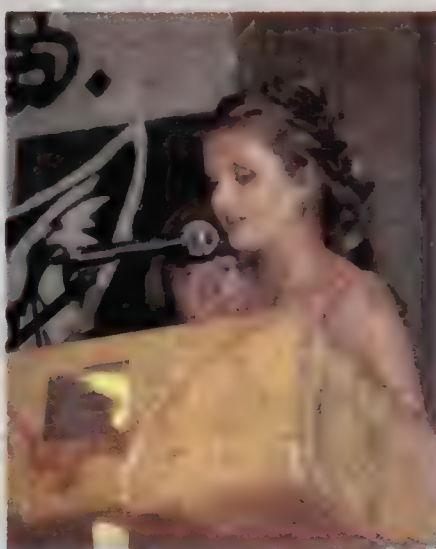
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Archie Stouffer Grads on their way to Haliburton High
As it seem to happen most years, Mother Nature knows when it's graduation night and turns up the heat. Grade 8 grads, their families and school staff packed a very warm ASES gym Tuesday evening (June 23rd) to celebrate the end of elementary school, reaffirm old friendships and imagine the adventures ahead. ■

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Devolin and Johnson announce Arena Upgrade Funds

Local MP Barry Devolin and MPP Rick Johnson today announced a joint federal and provincial investment of \$412,000 to upgrade the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada program in Ontario (RInC Ontario) and Recreation Ontario (Ontario REC).

Together the governments will spend more than \$380 million towards 758 projects, fully subscribing the program just one month after it was launched. These programs were designed to provide a timely, targeted stimulus to the economy through investments that will spur construction activity related to existing recreational infrastructure. Beyond economic stimulus and job creation, renewing, rehabilitating and modernizing our recreational infrastructure has the additional benefit of encouraging higher levels of participation in physical activity and community building.

The money will be used to upgrade the arena's ice plant, public address system as well as modernize some electrical work and washrooms," said Devolin. "In the end, these improvements will make the building more environmentally friendly while ensuring that future skaters and hockey players of the Minden-area will continue to benefit from this facility." "This funding is great news for our community" said Johnson. "Recreation facilities are more than bricks and mortar. They are community hubs where people of all ages can become engaged in their community, explore their leadership potential and maybe even discover an athletic talent."

Projects were selected on the basis of construction readiness and community merit. ■



(LR) - MPP Rick Johnson, Treasurer Laurie Blanchard, Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch, Councilors Lisa Schell and, Bill Obee, Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon, MP Barry Devolin, Community Services Director Rick Cox

Spinners and Weavers Donate Sesquicentennial Project to Museum



Left to Right: Emma Cox, Carole Simmons curator, Deborah Crockatt, Wendy Hicks, Pat Dearborn, Sharon Luke, Marion Gillanders, Jean Bolt, Yuki Rendel, Judy Chapman, Jean Farrell, Solveg Stout, Wendy Wood, Susan Sheehan.

The Highlands Spinners and Weavers Guild has donated a large, hand woven rug which will adorn the floor of the Bowron House at the Minden Museum. The floor covering was created from strips of blankets using a 100-inch, two-person loom. It is similar to those made by the early pioneers of the area. During the project, the weavers kept a diary of the ongoing process and presented the journal in an attractive binder, along with the rug. ■





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Approaching a \$100,000 Target

'Weekend Warrior' Kim Gonneau Makes Her Presence Known with Pink MINI

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Longtime Winona Lake cottager Kim Gonneau is one of the many people out there who can say that they've known or know someone going through the fight against cancer. Her 29-year-old sister-in-law Sally was diagnosed with the disease in May of 2006, but thankfully, she's now cancer-free.

After seeing what Sally went through, Gonneau became extremely motivated to try and do something about the disease.

In the past two years that she has entered the Princess Margaret Hospital's two-day, 60-km 'Weekend to End Breast Cancer' walk she's raised an impressive \$51,000 for the righteous fight.

For 2009, she has set her sights high as she hopes to bring in \$49,000 in order to reach her grand final goal of \$100,000. As of this past Monday, she is sitting at \$31,110, or sixth place out of the top 10 overall fundraisers in Toronto as listed on the Weekend to End Breast Cancer web site.

Last Friday and Saturday, Gonneau could be found in front of the Haliburton LCBO for the second summer in a row to fundraise for the walk in September, at which time she will join thousands on the streets of Toronto in support of the same cause.

So how did this "weekend warrior", as she calls herself, raise so much money? Well, it's partly because of her 'Hope Blooms Pink' campaign, a theme that she came up with thanks to the help of her daughter Amanda.

And even with her busy work schedule, Gonneau sets aside time to create fashionable pieces of jewelry and anti-cancer bookmarks with her daughter. Their creations, along with items supplied to them by business owners who believe in what Gonneau is doing, were given out to the public in exchange for financial donations.

This year, because of the recent support of one major company, Gonneau received an important added boost to her fundraising efforts. Shortly after she purchased her own BMW MINI last January in Ajax, the manager of the dealership contacted her with an offer she couldn't refuse.

"He saw a Hope Blooms magnet that the salesman who sold me the car had in his office," explained Gonneau. "He asked the salesman what it was all about, and when he was told, the manager said let's help her."



As a result Gonneau was offered a fully wrapped pink MINI to drive around while on her fundraising crusade. The vehicle, which also got Gonneau a \$500 donation from Sirius Satellite radio, was in the lot last weekend of the LCBO in Haliburton. Its bright paint job and decals were impossible to miss.

"It really catches people's attention. When they see me driving around they'll say, 'nice car!' and I'll say, 'thanks, do you want to donate?' They go 'sure!'" explained Gonneau.

Also with her on Saturday was her daughter Amanda and friends Cailey Ahearn and Mary McNulty. The trio went around the Village to ask for donations for Gonneau while handing out Double Bubble gum.

For this year's walk, Gonneau is entering a nine person team, which she is calling '60 Klicks for Chicks'. The team includes Gonneau's husband Gary, son Taylor, sister Denise, her daughter Amanda and her friends Katherine and Mary, and two other participants. The MINI will also be there for the walk.

Even with a difficult economy, Gonneau says her fundraising efforts haven't been affected.

"I've found that people have been even more generous this year," she said.

Hearing stories from cancer survivors and others while working towards her \$100,000 goal makes all the work well worth it, says Gonneau.

"Doing this (fundraising) restores my faith in mankind and I always love to hear people's stories."

So what does Gonneau plan to do once she hits her target?

"I've been saying that I'll help other people fundraise and I'll continue to fundraise on the side," she explained, "but we'll see."

To support Gonneau and her team,

visit her website at www.hopebloomsink.ca. There you will find a link to her official fundraising page.

To learn more about the Weekend to End Breast Cancer visit www.endcancer.ca.

FYI: Gonneau also plans to be at this year's Midnight Madness event in Haliburton on Friday, July 31 with all of her trinkets for sale. ■

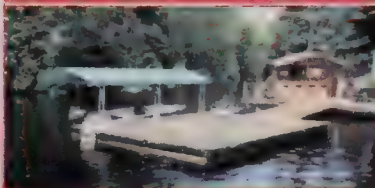
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An "Amazing" Lady Honoured

SBES Promotes Volunteerism with Award in the Name of Crystal Bain

Crystal Bain was a dedicated volunteer in her community in more ways than one. She helped out at the Sunday school program at the Haliburton United Church, coordinated past Relay for Life events, was a caregiver to her two grandmothers and contributed to the lives of students at Stuart Baker Elementary School (SBES).

As a way of honouring this outstanding young woman, whose life ended far too soon, SBES students and staff gathered in the school gym on the last day of school to give out a new, special award in Crystal's name to two individuals.

"Crystal was a caring volunteer who was dedicated to helping students," said SBES Principal France Meunier. "She was a lady who saw the best in every child and was very generous with her time."

After talking amongst one another earlier in the school year, Meunier said that staff decided to create an award that would help keep Crystal's legacy in the community alive for many years to come.

The recipients of The Crystal Bain Volunteer Award at Thursday's ceremony were Ev Stata, a long-time volunteer who has and continues to provide support to students in reading and writing, and Heather Phillips, a volunteer who spends time helping out with the school's breakfast, snack and hot lunch programs as well as the reading and writing program.

Joining the student body and staff for the emotional presentation were some of Crystal's family members including her son Trevin, daughter Tannis, aunts Sheila and Robin, grandmother Jean and her mom Brenda.

Crystal passed away suddenly in October of last year after she gave birth to her second child.

Crystal's mom, Brenda, briefly spoke with The Voice about what it means to her and her family to see an award created in the memory of her daughter.

"We are very honoured that the school did this," said Bain. "It was nice to see that they want to promote volunteerism in the schools."

Bain went on to reminisce about her daughter's giving nature, which she stated was nothing short of amazing.

"She enjoyed every minute that she spent there (at SBES)...she was the type of person who gave her whole life to other people." ■



Crystal Bain's daughter Tannis, left, presents a volunteer award in the name of her mom to Ev Stata.



Heather Phillips was also a recipient of the Crystal Bain volunteer award. The award was presented to her by Crystal's mom Brenda, middle, and daughter Tannis, right.

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All of the entries occurred during the day to residences on Sedgewick Rd and Cemetery Rd. The suspects forced their way into the homes and stole numerous items such as electronic equipment.

The investigation is continuing and anyone with information on this incident is asked to call the O.P.P. Communications Centre at 1-888-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. ■



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Land Trust Holds 4th Annual AGM

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Editor

"We have much to celebrate" (

Chair Sheila Ziman

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) held its 4th Annual General Meeting with about 30 people in attendance last Saturday morning in Minden. Chair Sheila Ziman outlined some of the major accomplishments of the past year, most notable of which was the announcement of the Dahl family of their intention to donate

a talk by teacher and naturalist Ed Poropat on "The Rail Trail – A Significant Wildlife Corridor in Haliburton County." Poropat has been an avid naturalist for most of his life, and has contributed significantly to our collective knowledge of our local flora and fauna through regular bird counts, and many other surveys. Last year he was awarded the Land Trust's 2008 Enviro-Hero award for his many contributions.

Poropat's talk came at a particularly opportune time, given the ongoing debate about how exactly the 40 kilometre long, 140 year old Rail Trail should be used. Poropat first pointed out just how environmentally significant the Rail Trail is. "The Trail bisects so many different habitats,

creating all kinds of 'edge' environments.

The Trail runs through beaver ponds, sedge meadows, rivers, lakes, fens, marshes, and bogs. It also goes through deciduous forests, coniferous

forests, abandoned sand pits, and abandoned farm lands. Because of that you end up with an extremely rich and diverse area. The Trail has provided access into areas where otherwise you simply couldn't go. Just south of Haliburton, for example, is a very large bog that the trail runs through, allowing us to observe the life of the bog first hand. I've been observing and taking surveys along the Trail for 15 years with my fellow naturalist Thom Lampert, and I wanted to share with you some of what we've found."

Poropat wanted to show just how many species of fauna he and others had observed along the Trail. For example, there are approximately 290 species of breeding birds in all of Ontario, and 170, or 60 percent of those are found along the Trail, including some SARs such as the Golden-Winged Warbler, Common Night Hawk, and the Rusty Blackbird. At least 70 different Butterflies have been identified, representing 80 percent of the total number of Butterfly species in the County.

There are 20 species of Herpetiles or snakes, including six that are at risk, including the Ribbon Snake. "The Trail is also particularly important to our turtles, which use the sandy, gravelly substrate to 'thermo-regulate'.

The Trail is also home to up to 67 species of Odo-

nates, or Dragon and Damselflies, including 11 rare species. "The Trail is crucial for these Odonates," said Poropat. "Many of them live in thick woods, but need the open edge to come out and feed, and then reproduce in the ponds and rivers."

The largest species on the Trail are of course, the Mammals, the moose, deer, bear, and so on. "What's odd is that we have more limited data on Mammals, perhaps because we do no nocturnal surveys. We do know that we've identified 19 species, out of the 48 Mammal species in the County."

Poropat's talk clearly illustrated what an extraordinary resource the Rail Trail is for the County, for naturalists, and of course for eco-tourism. The Land Trust

thanked him for his work over the years in providing these invaluable records: Poropat also pointed out the need for a central data bank to continue to identify SARs and other mammals.

For further information on the Land Trust, how to become a member, or to make a donation, go to www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca.



the Dahl Forest to the HHLT.

The Dahl family (Peggy Dahl, her son Peter Dahl, and daughter Nana McKernan) purchased this 500 acre property just south of Gelert in the early 1950s. At that time it was a combination of abandoned farmland with little useful topsoil, and fences that crisscrossed the property. The Dahls, over the years, planted more than 100,000 trees, covering about 40 percent of the land. The remaining acreage was left to regenerate naturally. "What's happening now is that in the re-forested portion of the land, we're seeing other natural species come back, maples among them, as well as white pines." The property straddles 2.7 kilometres of the Burnt River, with hiking and ski trails winding throughout.

The actual donation of the land by the Dahls will be done under the federal government's Ecological Gifts program. The family will retain a life interest in the property which will allow them continued use of the family home and surrounding property. Ms. Ziman noted that the HHLT needs to provide acquisition costs of some \$20,000 to cover legal, survey and appraisal fees. As well the Land Trust needs to establish an endowment fund to ensure payment in perpetuity of yearly expenses, including taxes, trail and road maintenance, signage, clean up and insurance. At the moment Peter Dahl maintains the trail system himself. The Land Trust hopes to raise an additional \$50,000 for the Dahl Forest Endowment Fund.

The Land Trust also received a grant for \$22,030 for a project undertaken by Paul Heaven and Glenside Ecological Services for "Species at Risk Ground Verification and Community Mobilization". As a result of this survey, the number of Species at Risk (SAR) in Haliburton County was increased by 75 to 182, or almost 142 percent.

Finally, Ms. Ziman announced "the highlight of the meeting",

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

PAUSING TO CLEAN SHOWER PUTS WIFE IN HOT WATER WITH HUSBAND

DEAR ABBY: After returning from a five-day vacation, my wife and I discovered our air-conditioning system was on the fritz, but we were so tired we went to bed anyway. I woke up the following morning, grabbed a quick shower and, feeling amorous, gently awakened my wife. I suggested she might want to also shower so we could "get close" before the house got too warm. She agreed. I waited and waited. She seemed to be taking a very long time. When I peeked in I found her scrubbing the shower floor and walls. I was mighty unhappy that my wife would rather scrub the shower than join me in bed. She says she did nothing wrong and claims I'm making a mountain out of a molehill. What say you? -- STILL HOT AND BOTHERED IN GEORGIA

DEAR STILL H AND B: Has your mind never wandered? Perhaps your wife saw a speck or two of soap scum as she was finishing her shower -- after all, two people had just used it. Rather than becoming upset, you should have gone into the shower to help her get the job done. If you had, things might have worked out differently.

DEAR ABBY: If someone is in an "unhappy" marriage with kids, is it a good idea or bad thing to wait until the kids are adults before considering divorce? The parents of almost everyone I know divorced while they were young. Mine did when I was about 20. But I know many couples who are staying together only for their kids, and I wonder if that's best for everyone. Your thoughts, please. -- "WENDY" IN WASHINGTON

DEAR "WENDY": You have asked a question for which there is no one-size-fits-all answer. It depends on the condition of the marriage and how well both partners can sublimate their frustrations. While staying together for the sake of the kids may seem like an idyllic solution, I have heard from children of dysfunctional couples saying that although their parents didn't fight openly, they could feel the tension between their parents and would have grown up emotionally healthier if their parents had separated.

DEAR ABBY: I have recently started a great new job at a place I love. One day a week I'm unable to be there, so the woman I replaced works that day. We now share a desk -- which I would not normally mind, but she has left all her belongings on the desk and around the workspace. I'm talking about photos, mementoes, hand creams, shoes, books, etc. As the primary holder of the position, I think I should be able to keep my personal items in the area and put my own photos on the desk. After all, she is there one day a week only. I wouldn't be opposed to her having a drawer to herself, or a designated area where she can keep her stuff. I don't want to create animosity between us, so how should I go about this? -- DOESN'T DO MONDAYS

DEAR DOESN'T: Because the woman works on the day that you are off, ask your supervisor or office manager to speak to her. Your request seems reasonable and sensible to me, and frankly, I'm surprised that she hasn't realized it and removed most of her things without having to be prompted.

For week of: June 29

Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of travel helps you appreciate the wonders of the world. You would find a satisfying career in any travel-related industry.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't be surprised if, in spite of your well-made plans, something goes awry. But don't worry. Your knowledge of the facts plus your Arian charm will help you work it out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A personal relationship seems to be demanding more than you feel you're able to give. Best advice: Confront the issue. You could find the situation surprisingly easy to work through.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Resist being pressured into meeting your self-imposed deadline. This is important if you really feel that taking more time to finish a project could save time in the long run.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A vacation choice seems less interesting than when you first made it. Could it be a matter of the place or the people going with you? Find out before you consider a change of plans.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Someone might be overriding your Leonine logic to get you to agree to "favors" you would normally avoid. Take a new look at what you've been asked to do and see if you've been misled.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Try to keep that emerging "judgmental" aspect in check this week. Too many critiques on relatively unimportant issues could create a lot of negative bounce-back reactions.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Facing unpleasant facts about an associate isn't easy. But ignoring them isn't wise. Ask a trusted (and neutral) friend to help guide you on what to do and how you might do it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A shift in opinion regarding a workplace situation could go a long way in vindicating the stand you've taken. But be aware that a satisfactory resolution could still be a long way off.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It's not like you to choose the easy way rather than the right way to do things. So, follow your instincts and feel assured they will lead you to the right decision. Good luck.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Hold off on making a personal commitment until you find out what it really entails and whose interests are actually involved. There could be hidden facts you need to know.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new friend offers an unexpected opportunity that could lead to a career change. Check it out carefully and consider getting an assessment from someone familiar with this field.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A surprising discovery leads to mixed reactions from those involved in the "revelation." But as you come to appreciate the truth, you'll be able to also come to terms with your feelings.

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ACROSS

- 1 Move swiftly
- 5 Oates' partner
- 9 Learns fast?
- 14 Spill the beans
- 18 Art deco designer
- 19 Concept
- 20 Spartan serf
- 21 "Train" ('71 hit)
- 22 Marsh duck
- 23 Family
- 24 Cremona craftsman
- 25 Kickoff
- 26 Riddle: Part 1
- 30 Elf
- 31 "A mouse!"
- 32 Slippery —
- 33 Paris, to Helen
- 37 — de-lance
- 39 Take the honey and run
- 43 — ghanouj
- 47 On a whale watch
- 48 Holler
- 50 Pay up
- 52 Actor McKellen
- 53 Wise guy
- 55 Retreats
- 58 — standstill
- 59 Heavyweight Holmes
- 61 Riddle: Part 2

- 64 With hands on hips
- 65 Activist Hoffman
- 66 Misjudge
- 67 Went jogging
- 69 Sew a toe
- 70 Beaver or boater
- 73 Figs.
- 74 By means of
- 75 Alphabet sequence
- 77 Duncan's denial
- 78 Singer Tori
- 80 "Waking — Devine" ('98 film)
- 82 Part of SASE
- 83 Coral outcrop
- 85 Cruise
- 87 Riddle: Part 3
- 93 Luncheonette lure
- 94 Every last bit
- 95 Distort
- 96 Bryant or Ekberg
- 97 "Unforgettable" name
- 98 Socked a shuttlecock
- 101 Sharp
- 103 Thicken
- 104 Sitka's st.
- 106 Take the reins

- 107 — diem
- 108 On the beach
- 110 Torrid
- 112 Beame or Burrows
- 114 Soupy Sales' dessert?
- 115 Answer to riddle
- 124 Serengeti group
- 126 Dunk it!
- 127 Clinton Cabinet member
- 128 Deride
- 130 Seasonal song
- 131 "— Gay"
- 132 Riyadh resident
- 133 "— -Ca-Dabra" ('74 song)
- 134 Fret
- 135 Barrett and Jaffe
- 136 Spanish surrealist
- 137 Bog, for short

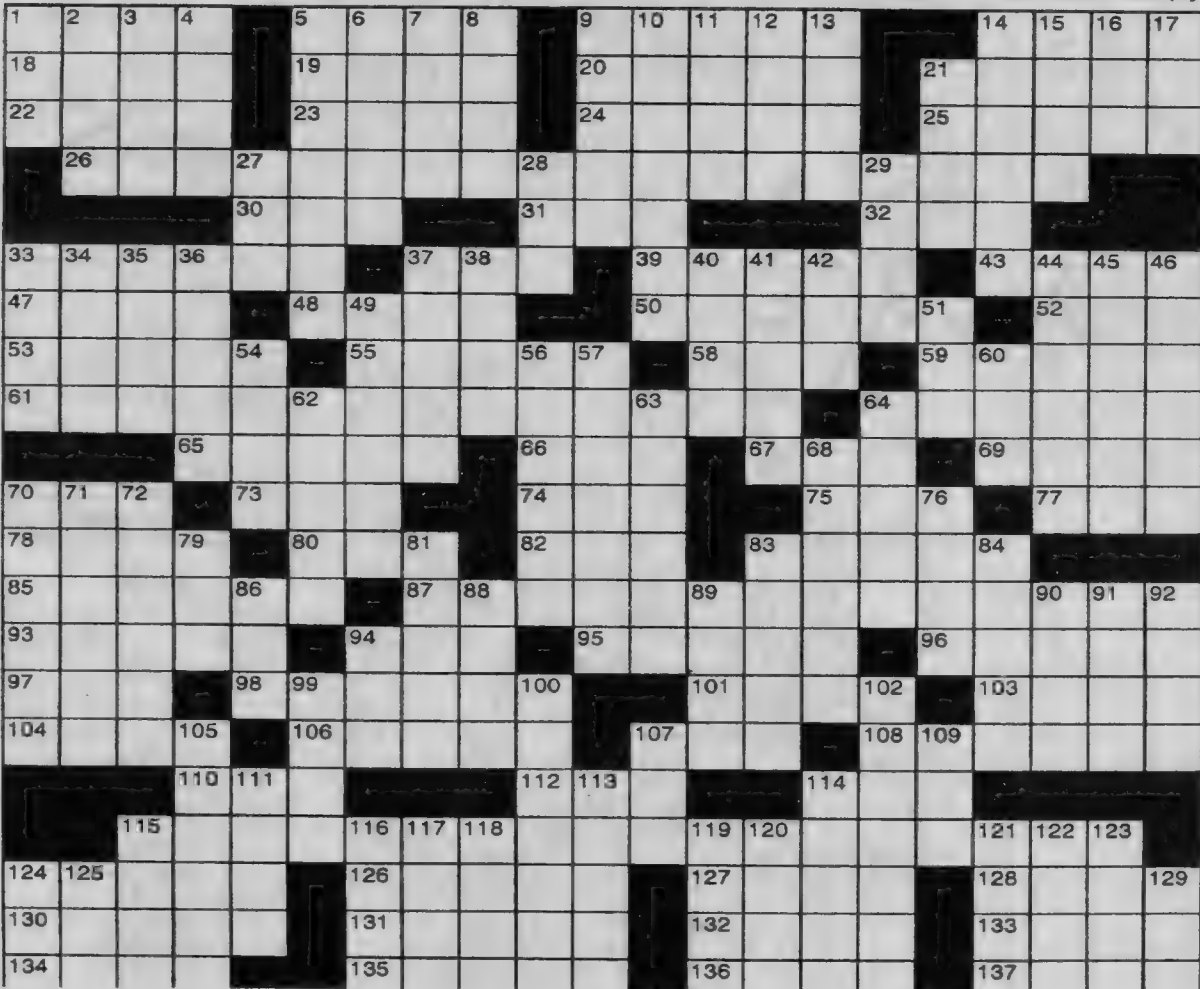
DOWN

- 1 Matching pieces
- 2 Hands
- 3 Bountiful setting
- 4 Oscar — Renta
- 5 Handle wood
- 6 Improvise

- 7 Slender
- 8 Polaroid inventor
- 9 Rub the wrong way
- 10 Some movies
- 11 Be — unto oneself
- 12 Lorre role
- 13 Tend the sauce
- 14 Stupefy
- 15 Endure
- 16 Mr. Lucky's card
- 17 Wager
- 21 Shooting match?
- 27 Even if, informally
- 28 Above, to Arnold
- 29 Boat bottom
- 33 Credit alternative
- 34 "— forgive those ..."
- 35 Belfry sound
- 36 Buccaneers' headquarters
- 37 Cereal bit
- 38 Nobelist
- 40 Remini of "The King of Queens"
- 41 Furry fisherman
- 42 Child welfare org.
- 44 Flier

- 45 Ms. Streisand
- 46 "Tennis, —?"
- 49 Plaza Hotel kid
- 51 Lodge brother
- 54 Library abbr.
- 56 Keanu of "Hardball"
- 57 Short races
- 60 Lend a hand
- 62 Porterhouse alternative
- 63 TV's "Have Gun Will —"
- 64 Composer Bruckner
- 68 Perceptive
- 70 Cigar city
- 71 Lacking principles
- 72 Honda competitor
- 76 Skeleton part
- 79 Snead or Shepard
- 81 Investigate
- 83 Capp character
- 84 "The Elephant Man" director
- 86 Vapor
- 88 Nautical adverb
- 89 Gardener's tool
- 90 Mideastern dough

- 91 "Ripley's Believe — Not"
- 92 Conductor Jeffrey
- 94 Collectibles, collectively
- 99 Tivoli's Villa d'—
- 100 Blood count?
- 102 "Out of Africa" setting
- 105 "— of a Doubt" ('43 film)
- 107 Cello part
- 109 Wine word
- 111 Hurler Hersher
- 113 Greek consonants
- 114 Correctional
- 115 Employ
- 116 "— Neisse Line
- 117 Singer Sonny
- 118 Aware of
- 119 Gowned figure
- 120 Blood components
- 121 Gulf country
- 122 "A Tiger Walks" actor
- 123 Philanthropist Cornell
- 124 Off. equipment
- 125 Sneaky sort
- 129 Turn sharply



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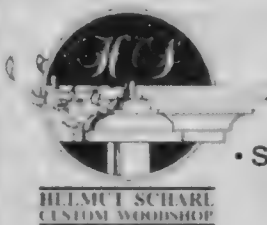
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The County of Haliburton is proposing improvements to the site of Allsaw Bridge located on County Road 21, 0.30 km East of Blairhampton Road. The bridge is located over the narrows between Soyers and Kashagawigamog Lakes in the Township of Minden Hills, County of Haliburton.

The existing bridge structure, constructed in 1959, has been identified as being structurally deficient with respect to the existing barrier protection as it does not meet the current code. The condition of the steel coating, wear surface, concrete deck and fascias are poor and the guide rail protection requires replacement. Other localized areas of concrete are deteriorated and the bridge is in need of rehabilitation.

The County of Haliburton has concluded that the preferred solution is to rehabilitate the existing structure. The work is scheduled for completion by late 2009.

This project is being planned under Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (Oct. 2000): Subject to comments received and the receipt of all necessary approvals, the County intends to proceed with the design and construction of this project.

For further information concerning this project or to inspect a copy of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document and/or Completion Report, please contact:

County of Haliburton

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P.O. Box 880, 3 Germaine St.
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Interested persons may provide written comment to the County on the proposal within 30 calendar days from the date of this Notice. Comments should be directed to the County of Haliburton or the Consulting Engineer for the project at the addresses listed above.

If concerns regarding this project cannot be resolved in discussion with the municipality, a person or party may request that the Minister of Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual environment assessments. Requests must be received by the Minister at the address below within 30 calendar days of this Notice. A copy of the request must also be sent to the County of Haliburton. If there is no request received by July 25, 2009, Allsaw Bridge rehabilitation will proceed to design and construction as presented in the planning documentation.

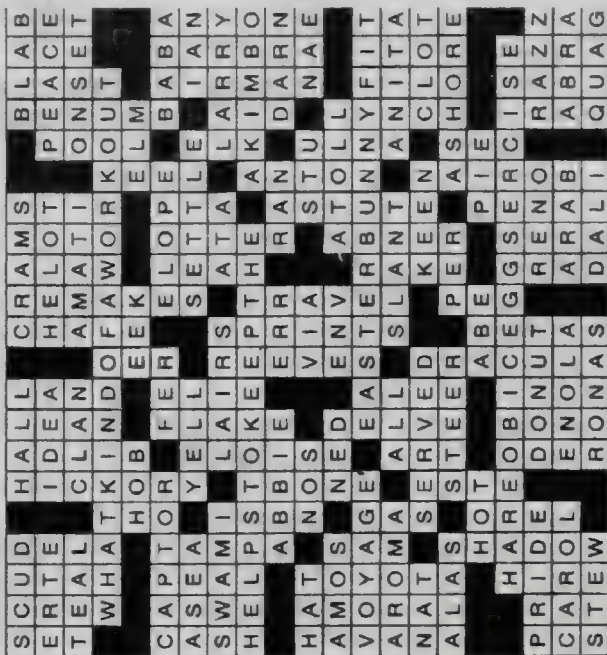
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This Notice issued June 25, 2009.



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Municipality of
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BUFFEY SALAD SUPPER - Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle Street. Wednesday July 8th, 2009 starting at 4:30p.m. Administration - Adults \$10.00, Kids under 12 \$5.00. Pre-schoolers Free. (JulyA09)

ONTARIO KAYAK FISHING CLASSIC - On July 11th and 12th, amateurs and competitive anglers alike are welcome, if you enjoy fishing and have a human powered watercraft this event is for you! It is a catch and release derby, it takes place on Kashawigamog Lake; registration will be held at Kashaga Lodge. For more info please visit www.ontariokayakfishing-classic.info. Proceeds go to The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association. (JulyA09)

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YARD AND CRAFT SALE - Saturday 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. July 4th. Lots of stuff. 267 Riverside Drive. (JulyA09)

Hal High Grads Say Goodbye One Last Time



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Dr Darrell Dobson warns of that final step off the podium

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter

Master of ceremonies Dr. Darrell Dobson placed some heavy perspective on the commencement ceremonies at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School last Thursday night.

He elicited some nervous laughter from the gathered graduates when he pointed to the two sides of the stage.

He said that the students will come up onto the stage as children.

And having received their diplomas, once they stepped off that last step of the stage, "as soon as your feet hit the floor you become adults."

That implies responsibility and that implies onus, added Dobson.

The rubber well and truly hit the road a little later when he told the packed gymnasium: "Graduates, after tonight, your parents are under no earthly obligation to take care of you."

And that set it off. Thirty seconds of sustained laughter.

Hard to tell who was cheering louder, the parents or the graduates.

He went on to remind the graduating Hal High community that they well and truly owed a debt to their parents for the support.

And then he let them off the hook.

"Of course they [parents] can choose to keep looking after you," smiled Dobson.

And if you looked real close, you could see some smiles of relief underneath those nervous giggles.

Dobson was followed by Principal Gary Brohman who reminded the students that in four years they had endured some good and some bad times.

"Tonight, we're celebrating the journey," said Brohman. "Lots and lots of memories, lots of stories and friendships."

Brohman reminded the students that, "Tradition never graduates from Hal High," adding, "I say to all graduates that you are always, and I mean always welcome back to the Red Hawk family. Come and visit us."

Brohman congratulated all of the students and told them, "Your contribution has been overwhelming."

He urged all of the graduates to "take charge" and "put fear aside."

He closed his remarks with the Hal High cheer: "Once a Hawk!"

And the students answered one last time, in unison and with gusto: "Always a Hawk!"

Valedictorian Robbie Balaski echoed some of Dobson's and Brohman's cogent remarks. Balaski was active in volleyball, soccer, and cross-country skiing, participated in the Sunship Environmental Program and she was the health and Wellness Minister on the Hal High activity council.

She'll be attending Guelph University this fall in the Psychology faculty.

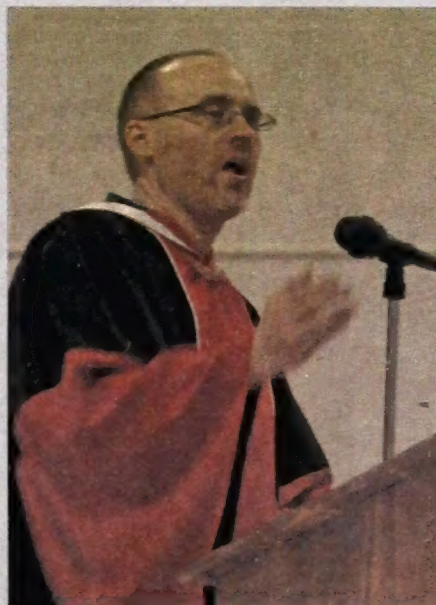
Her Valedictory was as thoughtful as it was insightful.

She said that "true success comes from the relationships we forge in our lives," and not from the money we make.

She urged her fellow students to lead by personal example. She quoted Gandhi's wise counsel that, "You must be the change you want to see in the world."

She urged everyone to "follow their bliss" and strive to find the passion.

"Let's continue on our paths of self-discovery and show the world what we can do," said Balaski at the end of her speech which was followed by heartfelt applause from all of the gathered graduates, teachers, family and friends. ■



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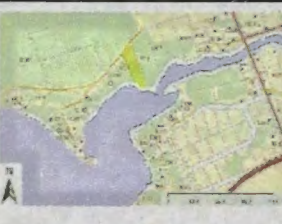
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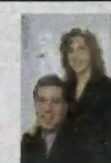
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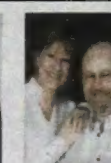
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